

# AK'S Genealogy Research

I am using this blog to record my genealogy research progress. My research at this point is concentrated in Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania records. Since many of my ancestors ended up in the Midwest and West my research sometimes takes me in that direction. I also research Irish records.

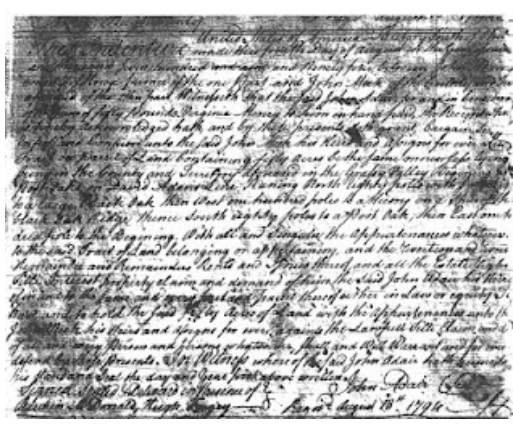
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Thursday, April 26, 2012

## Hugh Forgey reference Deeds Knox County, TN

I've been so busy with the 1940 Census I haven't had time to do an analysis of the deeds I received from Knox County Archives for Hugh Forgey. I had hoped one of these deeds would be a purchase deed for Hugh Forgey's 250 acres on Flat Creek. Unfortunately none were purchase deeds. In fact none of the deeds were transactions for Hugh. He was a witness or mentioned in these deeds. They are all helpful, however, because they name associates and neighbors. Since no census records exist for this time period (1790's) the deeds help to identify the Forgey neighbors. The deed to the right top contains a property description. Hugh Forgey's property is mentioned as bordering this very large tract. It's a 4000 acre tract so it doesn't narrow the area of the possible location of Hugh's land by that much. I need to map out these tracts to get a better picture of where the land may have been? That's my next project. The John Meek (to the right) was witnessed by Hugh Forgey. I don't know whether this Meek is a relative of Agnes Meek who married Hugh's Uncle Alexander Forgey in Washington County, VA? I do think it is highly likely that Alexander Forgey and Andrew Forgey of Maury County, TN were son's of Alexander Forgey Sr. of Washington County, VA. I had been a little troubled about not find Andrew or Alexander listed in taxists for Washington County, VA. Actually there are several possible reasons for this including living in someone else's household, possibly working on another farm or as an apprentice? There are



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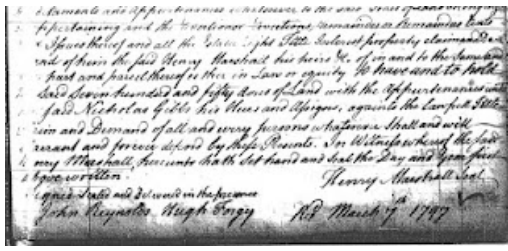
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unnamed young men living in Alexander's household, but they are not listed on every taxist.

Another deed to the right bottom was witnessed by Hugh Forgey and John Reynolds, Hugh's Uncle and neighbor on Little Flat Creek. They witnessed this deed for the prominent citizen of the area Nicolas Gibbs.

I am happy I ordered these deeds. I think it's important to collect and analyze any scrap of paper involving the family in that area.



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Tuesday, April 10, 2012

## Finding My Family 1940 Plus Indexing the First 1000 are the Toughest



Kapple/Kappel family home on Forest in Chicago, Illinois

A week has passed since the harrowing 1940 US Census debut. The first day left us wondering if we would ever actually see any of the census images. A tsunami of people hit the servers on that first day bringing the [Official Site](#) down. It looked like we would not be able to index that first day. By about 5 pm pacific time I was able to get my first batch to index. Since then I've pasted the 1000 name mark. I am sure my first few batches of 1940 Census Index pages weren't the best. I am learning the indexing game as I go along; on the job. I heard someone complain at a recent 1940 Census Webinar that indexers are not following instructions. For the most part the instructions for each field on the Census are plainly explained in a box to the right of what you are indexing. When you are getting started, however, these numerous instructions can be overwhelming. It is necessary to keep referring to them until you have gained some skill. It takes time to learn how to interpret handwriting etc. plus remember all of the instructions. After a week I predict those who stick with indexing will be on their way to near perfection when it comes to indexing. The arbitrators will have to bear with the newbies for a while.

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As far as the handwriting goes interpretation has been much like what I am familiar with regarding my research in original records. You have to keep looking at the words and names you know to untangle the ones you don't know. I have also used Google Search to find the correct place names and **Family Search** to find hard to decipher family names. I often find the same families on the 1930 US Census. If you like solving these handwriting puzzles you will love indexing. It is rewarding when you finally correctly identify some of the scribbles.

So far I have worked on indexes for Delaware, Colorado, Kansas, California, Illinois, Oregon and Virginia. The readability of these pages ranges from nearly completely illegible and sometimes very blurred images, to excellent quality, very legible handwriting. Most images are 90 some percent readable with a few indecipherable entries. I have noticed many misspellings of places and names. The Census takers often used phonetic spellings. I would have thought by 1940 the names would have been spelled correctly.

I think a problem for young indexers is going to be the outdated first names. Post baby boomers likely don't have much contact with this older generation. I remember a young salesperson at Macy's had never heard of the name Marjorie before. My mother's best friend was Marjorie and she was surprised that this young woman never heard of it before. Names like Marjorie, Mildred, Doris etc. coupled with outdated handwriting styles, might be a little tricky for the younger generation.

As I said earlier the first day the Census was released was a day of frustration and confusion.

After all the build up to this day I was impatient to find

my family. I did all the preliminary research at the **Steve Morse One Step 1940 Site**. I had my ED districts ready. I got up early which was unnecessary because the official site crashed.

**Ancestry.com** was the first site to get viewable images up for a few states. Lucky California was one of those states which was available by midday. That night I found out the **My Heritage Site** had Illinois images posted so I began searching there about 10pm. So by the end of that day I found my Great-Grandmother Mary Kappel in Chicago, Illinois with some of her family, and my mother's family in Puente, California. Sadly the Forest address is not where my grandparents Rudolph and Dorothy Kappel lived in 1940. I have tried to search the area for them but Chicago is such a large city I quickly found it would be nearly impossible to find them that way. I may have to wait for the index. I do have a list of people to search for in the index when that is ready.

I found the information for my family very interesting.

I did not know my grandfather Charles Forgey still worked for the WPA in 1940. I knew that he had worked for the WPA in Glendale when he was supposed to make a

list of all the City Trees in Glendale giving their species. In 1940 he seems to have been working on a School Construction site. I am thinking that may have been Hudson School or El Monte High School? I have some lighting fixtures and a few other items from Hudson School which was demolished in the 1980's. My mother remembers when her family was getting relief during the depression. The government gave jackets to poor families which my mother did not want to wear because then people knew you were on relief. Soon after this my grandfather was able to get defense work. He worked at Douglas in Long Beach as a shipping and receiving clerk during WWII.

A picture my family has of Denver Lemaster makes more sense now. When I looked at the entry before my grandparents I found the Lemaster family with their child Denver. Apparently this child later became a Major league baseball Pitcher; Denny Lemaster.

My mother was selected to answer more questions in the

Mary Kappel and family 1940 US Census

Charles and Graciela Forgey family 1940 Census

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It was wonderful that my Great Grandmother Mary Kappel still lived on Forest in Chicago in 1940. Her daughter and son-in-law and couple of her children and grandchildren also lived with her. Apparently her son-in-law and his family moved in when my grandparents moved out. It's great to get more family names. I will have to research the newly identified family members. As I said previously my Grandparents divorced and my Grandmother Dorothy Kapple brought her family to California. My grandfather Rudolph Kapple remained in Chicago. The family in Chicago was rarely referred to. I never knew that Rudolph had 10 siblings until I began researching. I am just now learning the names of more of his nieces and nephews. We have no pictures of the early Kappel family in Chicago. My father was young when his parents divorced. One of the fond memories my Father had regarding his father was a tour he was given of a steel mill by his father. I wondered about how my grandfather had access to a steel mill? Now I see that his brother William and his brother-in-law were working in the steel industry 1940. I will see if Rudolph also worked in the steel industry when I locate him.



Major League Pitcher Denver Lemaster

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the 1940 Census beginning April 2nd (except Fascists)!

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I've mapped out my strategy for tomorrow.

I went to Steve Morse's On Step Website <http://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>

I found the following enumeration districts using addresses and a 1930 enumeration district:

1. 103-602 for 11321 Forest Avenue Chicago Illinois for the Kappel/Kapple Family. Half the family living in that house spelled the name Kappel and the other half Kapple LOL. I am not sure whether any members of the family lived there in 1940? I have not been able to locate the address of the Rectory House the family later purchased and may have lived in 1940? I am going to try some more to locate the address.
2. I found 3 districts for 4th Avenue Puente, California 19-166 A-D, 19-167, 19-168. This is for the Forgey family. They also may have still been in Glendale, California on 124 Cypress enumeration district 19-210?

I am fairly sure I can find the Forgeys tomorrow? Will probably need Rectory House Address for Kapple's ? Anyway I will be here <http://1940census.archives.gov/> at around 6am pacific tomorrow

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Saturday, March 31, 2012

## Lonely Civil War Soldier Needs Your letters



Some people are letter writers and some not. Nancy Forgey/Moss was in the latter. I never enjoyed writing letters either. Typing a letter is much more enjoyable than handwriting one, however.



Lick Creek April 1, 1862

"Dear Wife

I received your letter baring date April 1st and was glad to here from you. I have nothing of interest to write from the fact that I have wrote to you every other day since I came here whether you ever received my letters or not I can't say as you have not wrote whether you have received any one of them or not you must write oftener and write whether you ever received my letters or not you must take care of your self the Best you can. I was joking about writing every other day but I have wrote five or six letters to you beside peases that I have wrote in others since I came here. This leaves me well hoping it ma reach and find you enjoying all the pleasures of life you must answer this immediately. So no more But Remain your affectionate Husband. John R. Moss"

Lick Creek April 1, 1862

"Dear Father

I was informed yesterday by West Eavens that you was at home which I was glad to here. But at the same time sorry to here that you was not well. I want you to do Nancyes writing for her and all so want you to write to me your self. Give me all the News as I have a bad chance of geting any here you must let me now where you left Harry so that I can write to him. tell Mother I would have come By when I started up here but I new it would hert her.

Vicksburg, Miss March 9th 1863

"Dear Wife,

As I have an opportunity of writing to you and sending it by hand I conclude to drop you a few lines which will inform you that I am well. Trusting at the same time these lines may reach and find well. I have nothing new to write to you at present more than all the boys here safe and appear to be very satisfied. When we will get away from this place I can not say as I see no prospect at present tho I am in hopes we may get away soon. Take good care of yourself and rest assured that I will do everything in my power to render you happy so no more write soon and give me all the news."

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Friday, March 30, 2012

## John R. Moss and Nancy Forgey Civil War Letter



John R. Moss and Nancy Forgey

Lick Creek Tennessee April 1, 1862

"Dear Wife,

As you will not write to me I have concluded that I will write to you a gain. hoping whenever this reaches you it may find you well for I would be very sorry to no that you was unwell or dissastisfied in any way whatever. I want you to content your self as best you can and not bee uneasy about me as I take the best care of my self That I can and live till I die I unless I get killed. I want you to write to me immediately if you have not all ready written and if you have write again. I want you to write at least once a week and I will do the same you nead not bee uneasy about me drinking as their is no whiskey up here that is fit to for a hog to drink.

I am well and getting fit on Bull Beef and Biscuit. I thought I would give you a specimen of the house I intend building when I come home you must have it framed and a glass put over it and keep it untill I return. If you or any of the you family should get dangerously sick you must write to me no. I can get a furlow under them circumstances. I ? you must give me all the news and let me no how you are geting along farming. Be shore and not let the stock astray my wheat as I intend coming home at harvest if possible. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends. J. R. Moss "



The House he intended to build

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Friday, March 16, 2012

## Happy St. Patrick's Sister Mary Kathleen!



**Happy St. Patrick's Day!** My Great-Great Aunt Sister Mary Kathleen (Bridget Mullen) was a Roman Catholic Nun. Her life story is very inspiring. Born in the Townland of Pollaturick Co. Galway, Ireland in 1888 she migrated to Chicago Illinois around the turn of the twentieth century. Firmly committed to her calling as a Nun she she talked a resistant church official into allowing her to join inspite of apprehensions about her age. I guess they thought 23 was told old to join that order? She worked at various Catholic Boarding Schools during her long career with the Church. She lived to a very old age, dying at the age of 103!! She received a letter from the Pope when she turned 100.

The first mention of the maiden name of my Great-Grandmother Ellen (Helen) Mullen-Mason's mother was in an unexpected place, her sister's eulogy. I had never heard of the name before and thought it didn't sound Irish. I thought maybe someone got the name wrong? I did some research and found it is indeed Irish. It's a variant of the surname Hoban common around Irish Town Co. Mayo, Ireland. Here is a link to my website with more info about the surname <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~huvane/huvane0.html>.

### **Funeral Reflection Sister Mary Kathleen Mullen October 17, 1991**

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood."

"For 103 years Sister Mary Kathleen Mullen searched the reflection in the mirror and added to the vast store of knowledge her years had accumulated. Today we celebrate because at last that dim reflection is fully revealed and her knowledge is complete.

Mary Kathleen Mullen was born in County Galway, Ireland on February 1, 1888, just two months after Mary Frances Clarke died. The BVMs motherhouse was still St. Joseph's on the Prairie and Mt. Carmel was only a dream.

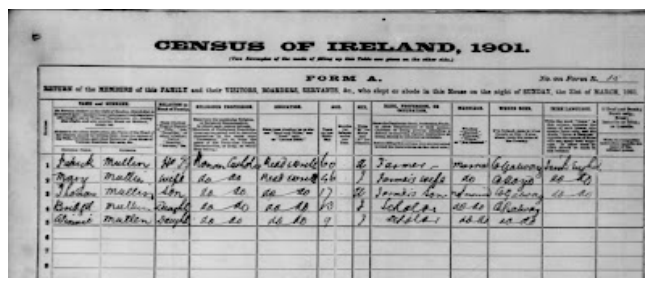
The year Kathleen was born there were only 440 sisters in the Congregation. They did their reading and sewing by kerosene lamps, they pumped their water from the well, and they traveled by horse and buggy.

Kathleen's parents Mary Huvane and Patrick Mullen baptized her Bridget, and Bridget's crossing from Ireland to the United States was very similar to that of Mary Frances Clarke's and the early founders. Bridget entered the BVMs on March 19, 1911 from St. Ita's Parish, Chicago and received the name Kathleen."

### **PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL**

"For Kathleen's parents, Patrick and Mary Huvane; her brothers and sisters Ellen, Michael, Thomas and Winnifred; her nieces and nephews who preceded her in death, that they all be reunited."





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Thursday, March 15, 2012

## Happy Dance Day plus email Address Log

2. [James A. FORGEY](#) was born ABT 1803 in Hawkins County, Tennessee, and died BET 1860 AND 1870 in Indiana. He was the son of 4. [Hugh Forgey](#) and 5. [Catherine Fisher](#).

3. [Rachel Unknown](#) was born ABT 1807 in Virginia.

Children of Rachel Unknown and James A. FORGEY are:

- i. [Ellen FORGEY](#) was born 2 AUG 1825 in Scott County, Virginia. She married [William NEWKIRK](#) 24 DEC 1846 in Jennings County, Indiana.
- ii. [Sarah FORGEY](#) was born 5 NOV 1827 in Scott County, Virginia. She married [Achilles V. PADGETT](#) 2 NOV 1843 in Jackson County, Indiana.
1. iii. [John D. FORGEY](#) was born 29 OCT 1829 in Scott County, Virginia. He married [Margaret THOMAS](#) 7 AUG 1850 in Jennings County, Indiana.
- iv. [William M. FORGEY](#) was born ABT 1831 in Jackson County, Indiana.
- v. [Emily Jane FORGEY](#) was born ABT 1835 in Jackson County, Indiana. She married [James L. DICKERT](#) 15 JUL 1849 in Jennings County, Indiana.
- vi. [Ella C. FORGEY](#) was born ABT 1839 in Jackson County, Indiana. She married [Major PORTER](#) 2 OCT 1856 in Bartholomew County, Indiana.
- vii. [Mary A. FORGEY](#) was born ABT 1840 in Jackson County, Indiana.
- viii. [Margaret A. FORGEY](#) was born ABT 1844 in Jackson County, Indiana.
- ix. [Phiney M. FORGEY](#) was born ABT 1848 in Jennings County, Indiana.
- x. [M. Alice FORGEY](#) was born ABT 1850 in Jennings County, Indiana. She married [James T. REAP](#) 30 OCT 1869 in Bartholomew County, Indiana.

As you can see above I had Rachel listed as unknown. NO MORE. Nan Harvey has been working to breakdown a brickwall in her own Tyree line and discovered a court record with Rachel's

maiden name. She found this document (see image right). She found it here [Chancery Court Records for Scott County, VA](#). I have looked at this collection several times but didn't run across this. It doesn't seem to be indexed for every name? I could not find it looking for Forgey? You have to be very cautious indeed when using indexes, Never assume someone isn't in a record collection just because they are not on the index!

I went back and looked at the info I gathered on James A. Forgey and Rachel Tyree's family. I had not been able to find too much about them. I know they migrated to Jackson County, Indiana after the 1830 Census (from Scott County, VA). I also found a slander court Case filed in 1837 between Jesse Hubbard and James A. Forgey in Jackson County

IN. I couldn't find any more details regarding the case in the microfilm I ordered. The Family also live in Bartholomew and Jennings County, IN. James Forgey's name was listed as Hugh J. A. Forgey on a Census and may have been his full name? The family did have a bible with

Jame A. Forgey Slander Case 1837 Jackson County, Indiana

some family dates in it. According to their family tradition two brothers came to America from Ireland and settled in Virginia; which sounds like Alexander and Andrew, who did live in Virginia briefly?. I couldn't find James or Rachel's place of burial either? Sadly, one of their descendants was put to death in the Electric Chair in Texas.

I was contacted by one of their descendants a few years ago asking for more info about the family. I've been trying to locate their email address. I have not been able to locate it so far. I've been having all my emails routed to Gmail from other email boxes. Some of my emails have been lost in the rerouting. I've printed out a stack of emails about two inches thick and filed them. Sadly that one is not one of them. I have paper everywhere so I may have printed it and missed filed it? I need a log outside my email boxes to keep addresses so they don't get lost if something goes wrong with my email box. I found this form [http://www.cs.williams.edu/~bailey/genealogy/index\\_files/CorrespondenceRecordSheet.pdf](http://www.cs.williams.edu/~bailey/genealogy/index_files/CorrespondenceRecordSheet.pdf). Sorry I can't contact this person with the good news. I'll do some filing this weekend and I may find a copy of the email?

Correspondence Record Sheet

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Saturday, March 10, 2012

# Was an Ancestor Presidente de Nicaragua?

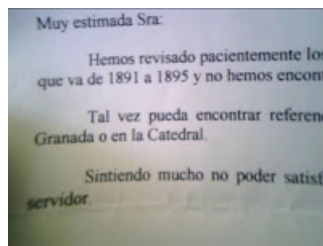


My Mother Edna Forgey/Kappler and Grandmother Graciela Del Castillo/ Forgey in Nicaragua

Ever since I found information on a short term President of Nicaragua I wondered if I was related? His name was Nicasio Del Castillo and he was President for an entire month 13 Aug 1856 - 12 Sep 1856. My great-grandfather was also named Nicasio Del Castillo. According to Enrique Mejia, who had studied Nicaraguan History for his own family research, the del Castillo family had been one of the most important families during the colonial era. He also said that a Juan Arguello Del Castillo was Vice President at one time. I had found that a number of Del Castillo's served on the Nicaraguan Supreme Court. My mother thought that her grandfather may have been a lawyer?



At this point I have not been able to trace my family very far back in Nicaragua. The only clues I have about my family there is from my Grandmother's death certificate. It gives the names of her parents as Nicasio Del Castillo and Elena Garcia. Unfortunately only the Civil records for Managua, Nicaragua have been filmed by the LDS Church and are now available online. I've written to the Church in Granada where my mother was baptized for additional family info but it sounds like my great-grandparents were not members of that Church. I was informed that the name Forgey was not a local name. No, actually my grandfather was a US Marine stationed in Nicaragua and Scots-Irish and German. My Forgey family really stands out in the records there!



I've written to several addresses I've found for Civil Registration Records but never received any kind of response.

My new strategy is to contact the Nicaraguan Consulate in Los Angeles;

and I've also found contact info for the

Family History Center in Granada, Nicaragua. I will continue to keep trying to get someone's attention. Hopefully the Granada records will be microfilmed eventually? I just discovered that Managua Church records are now online at [Family Search](http://www.familysearch.org). I will be doing research there for the next few days, probably more than that (it's not indexed).

1A. NAME OF DECEASED—FIRST NAME	1B. MIDDLE NAME	1C. LAST NAME
Graciela	Lucr	Forgey
3. SEX	4. COLOR OR RACE	5. BIRTH
Female	Caucasian	Nica
6. DATE OF BIRTH	7. NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER	8. MAIDEN NAME AND BIRTHPLACE
September 10, 1893	Nicasio del Castillo -	Elena Garcia - Nica

- The Best Source for Nicaraguan research are these Civil Registration Documents: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1601210>
- This is a great research outline for Nicaraguan genealogy: <http://net.lib.byu.edu/fslab/researchoutlines/LatinAmerica/Nicaragua.pdf>
- Municipal Archives of Granada Nicaragua: [http://aer.mcu.es/sgae/servletAerCga\\_ServletManagerCGA?pantalla=0&pantallaCuerpo=3](http://aer.mcu.es/sgae/servletAerCga_ServletManagerCGA?pantalla=0&pantallaCuerpo=3)
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Nuestra Mercedes Church where my mother was Baptized built between 1534 and 1539

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Saturday, March 3, 2012

## How would you interpret these DNA results?

Kit Number	Name	Paternal Ancestor Name	Haplogroup	DYS393	DYS390	DYS391	DYS385	DYS388	DYS426	DYS449	DYS392	DYS390II	DYS459	DYS455	DYS454	DYS447	DYS443	DYS449	DYS444	DYS440	Y-DNA-11	YCAII	DYS607	DYS576	DYS570	CDY	DYS442	DYS438					
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216050	Forgey Samuel Forgey 1726 - 1770	12b1a1		14	24	15	11	15-16	11	13	11	14	12	30	16	8-9	11	11	26	15	20	27	11-11-14-17	11	10	19-21	15	14	20	18	31-37	12	10

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Let's take a look at the final results in our first round of our Forgey DNA testing. I highlighted some of the differences. I focused on differences which were shared. There was mutations in both of Samuel's descendants' lines which separates each of their lines, and are not shared by the others.

This is my impression of the results if anyone else has a different take or is able to draw any other conclusions please let me know?

1. The Maury County, TN Andrew Forgey (died 1820 see image above) line had a unique mutation on DYS-442 which is 13 and everyone else is 12. If someone in the Alexander Forgey line tested and shared the same DYS-442 mutation 13 that would be very helpful!
2. My uncle's line which goes back to Andrew Forgey and Anna Roller had a unique mutation on DYS-438 which is 11 and everyone else is 10.
3. DYS-576 is the most confusing. We've got 3 of the 5 with the result 20? Two got the result 19? So was the earliest common ancestor 19 or 20? You would think that both of Samuel's descendants would match but they don't. We've got one of Samuel's lines matching the Maury County Andrew. The other matching the Hawkins County Andrew.
4. All of the Forgeys matched the William Forgie line of Co. Down to some degree. I am guessing that is where all of the common lines originated? We need someone from the Hugh Forgey line of Co. Antrim to test. That line is confirmed to be from Co. Antrim. Would like to know if they are related?

- 5. A Forgey line in Pennsylvania did not match. I am curious as to whether that was a non paternal event? We still don't know whether everyone carrying the name is related?
- 6. The testing has proven that all of the Forgeys above share a common ancestor at some point. My Uncle Charles Forgey and Roger Forgey seem to be the most closely related with a mismatch of only one.

Hopefully we can get more Forgeys to test. It seems like a few people have looked at my postings at the Forgey message boards regarding testing. If we can get more testers to compare with we might be able to determine when the mutations occurred which might tell us at what point we are all related?

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Wednesday, February 29, 2012

# Using the 1940 Census to Build an Interesting Family History

All of the excitement around the April release of the 1940 Census has gotten me planning my and pre-researching to get a head start. What I am hoping the 1940 Census will do for me is add some additional color to my existing family history (actually I think there was a question about hair coloring on that census?). I hope to find out more about the living conditions of my family in 1940. I can use the addresses to do google street view searches to see whether their homes still stand today. I also hope to get additional names of children born to great-aunts and uncles after the 1930 Census for my Kapple/Kappel family. My Kapple grandparents divorced. My grandfather Rudolph remained in Chicago while my Granmother Dorothy Kapple relocatd with her children to Los Angeles, California. So the Kapples in California lost touch with their many Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins in Chicago. I have no pictures of the family in Chicago. I have only one faded picture of my Grandfather Rudolph. I would love to see more family pictures and hope that the 1940 might lead me to more living relatives.

A much talked about relative of my Nicaraguan grandmother Graciela Del Castillo-Forgey is also a target of my 1940 research. His name was Francisco Antonio Alvarado Granzio.

Family name	Cross name	Sex	Mar.	Age	Place of birth	Year	Year this person is a citizen (or alien)	Country of which citizen or subject	Place or people
KAPPEL	FRANCISCO	M	S	35	Chicago, Illinois	1910	1910	USA	Chicago, Illinois

1934 Passenger List

My grandmother nicknamed him Padrino meaning Godfather. Another of his nicknames was Pancho. He was born in Granada, Nicaragua in 1876. I've heard so many stories about. I've not been able to confirm them until a few days ago. I had been told he was a

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Year	Occupation	Port of Arrival	Last Residence	Port of Departure	Ship Name
2	1914	Merchant	New Orleans	Nicaragua	Puerto Barrios Guatemala	Atenas
3	1916	Merchant	New Orleans	Nicaragua	Colon Panama	Copacabana
4	1919	Merchant	New Orleans	Nicaragua	Puerto Barrios Guatemala	Viva
5	1920	Import/Export				
6	1925	Diplomat	New York	Hamburg Germany	Colon, Nicaragua	Venezuela
7	1927	Consul	Houston, Texas	Nice, France	La Haine, France	En La Salle, California
8	1932	Consul	Los Angeles	Nice, France	Marseilles, France	
9	1933	Consul	New York	Nice, France	Colon, Nicaragua	Santa Teresita
10	1933	Consul	New York	Nice, France	Villafraiche, France	Ros
11	1934	Consul	New York	Bordeaux, France	La Haine, France	Paris
12	1938	Consul	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Colon, Nicaragua	Loma
13	1942	Retired	New Orleans	Los Angeles	Puerto De Cabezas	Cafate
14						
15						

Diplomat and had met with FDR. I thought that was wonderful, and wanted to find out more. I've been searching off and on using Google search for years. Nothing was coming up about him. He had a Los Angeles home so I tried finding him on existing Censuses. I did seem to find him in 1920 but he was not listed as a Diplomat, instead, he was in the import/export business. I could not find him in 1930. Thinking about 1940 Census brought him to mind again. I decided to use my new access to New FamilySearch Tree to search him out there. I found something interesting that looked like him and contained his additional last name, which I did not know before i.e. Granzio. I immediately started searching using that name and found more information about him! I had not searched Ancestry for him in a long time. When I searched there this time I got a flood of matches for him. The passenger lists at Ancestry are helping me to build a timeline for Francisco Alvarado. His occupation is given as Consul for Nicaragua in France in many of these records. They also confirm his residence in France as Nice, which I had been told. I even got his address 4 Rue La Martine.

My family relayed many anecdotal stories about visiting "Padrino" at his Los Angeles home. He had a live in girl friend named Germaine who he met in Nice. She was always very well dressed as my mother has told me. She had a little lap dog which she was very fond of , and had a very fancy pillow for it which my mother remembers. My mother also remembered going to dinner at Padrino's house, and the fact he always served wine with



dinner. She also remembered he enjoyed gardening. He attended one of the World's Fairs and brought back souvineers for the Forgey Children. He also brought back a Palm Tree from Nicaragua for my Grandparents Yard, which grew much taller than anyone expected!! He gave a trunk he traveled with to my family, which had stickers on it for all the locations he traveled to which included Asia. He loved my Grandmother's Arroz con Pollo and insisted she prepare it for him when he was in town. She kidded him about being bald. She would say he used his brain too much which caused his hair to fall out. I would love to learn more about "Padrino" his relationship to our family etc. ... I am hoping to add more to my collection of information about him with the 1940 Census. I am excited and hopeful he will be in it. I will eventually make a memorial page for him at Fold3. I consider him Mi Padrino tambien!

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Sunday, February 26, 2012

# Separating the Wrong Records, New FamilySearch Tree

Here are some of my thoughts after 4 days working with the New Familysearch Tree. The tree I



found for my family contained several wrong ancestors. My immediate reaction was to try to remove these people. I should have looked at the how-to videos located in the Help Center section. Instead I began changing names, which is the wrong way to fix the problem. You must unlink the person from the tree because this is a shared tree, and each person has a fixed person ID and is linked to other trees. So you will anger a lot of people if you change a name. Luckily I discovered my error quickly and was easily able to change everything back and delete my changes. Since all changes remain linked to the individual you are able to easily change back to the previous info if you make the wrong change. If you submitted wrong info you can delete it all together.

The correct way to remove wrongly attached individuals from your tree is to go to the detail screen for the son of daughter of the wrong person. Then click on combined records link under the person's info. At the combined records screen check mark each record with the wrong parents for



Screen for Separating Records

separation. This is more advice from Familysearch; "If the combined record contains 3 or more individuals, separate all of the records for one individual. Then repeat the process for the next individual." There can be many wrong records so it's best to check mark view 100 records at a time. Once you selected the records to remove then click separate then click confirm, which should remove the person.

I am finding sometimes you cannot fix records which might contain a wrong spouse, children etc.. It's likely because the originally submission made years ago was wrong. Only the



This James Forgey and Margaret mistaken match is found everywhere in my tree cannot fix this

person who made the submission can change it. I was under the impression that anyone could make changes? So at this time you can unlink records, but cannot change all relationships. This means that earlier wrong family connections can be uncombined and then may be recombined by someone thinking they are being helpful. If you click on the watch link you will be notified when any change is made to an individual record. I've put in a many hours separating records and will keep checking for changes.

I like the idea of working with others and discussing conclusions on a shared tree. We can make more progress this way as opposed to working alone. Eventually we will be able to add document images which will make this and even more powerful resource.

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Thursday, February 23, 2012

## My intro to New Family Search Tree: From Sublime to Ridiculous

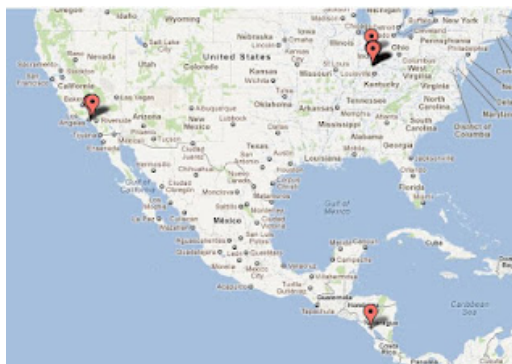


I emailed Ron Tanner asking to become a part of the Beta Test for the New Family Search Family Tree. I just received an invitation today. I had to wait around today for a water heater repair person so was able to get started on my Tree right away. I was a little confused about how it all worked but soon was rocking'n rolling. First I had to sign into the New Family Search which I was able to do with my Family Search Password. I then clicked the Me and My Ancestors Tab. From there I needed to add myself and living relatives until I could get to the

point where I could link with an existing tree. You are given options regarding which individuals to link with. For instance I submitted two trees with my father's name. One of those trees was actually just my mother's line so I didn't provided much info about my father. I was given both of my submissions to choose from.

Like I said, it took me a little while to get with the program. I guess I was thinking the Tree I was looking at was mine alone. No it isn't; it's a collaborative tree. I thought I was looking for my own tree submissions intact. No you won't find your own separate submissions laid out that way. Instead my tree has been merged and re-merged with everyone else's; in some cases creating a confused jumble. I found several cases of siblings listed as someones children etc.. It's really a tangled mess in some of my lines. I don't have the power yet to make the necessary changes. Since I am not LDS I can make only limited changes. I don't seem to be able to delete people such as wrongly attached children or spouses. It's a little frustrating to see all the errors and not be able to correct them.

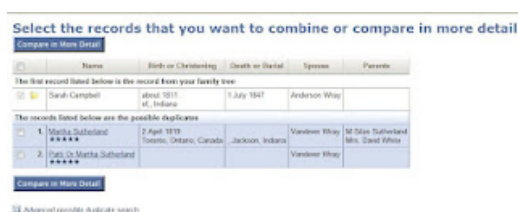
I am happy that I was able to make some corrections. One problem I am noticing is that one of my corrections has already be changed back. I have documentation proving my correction is correct. If my corrections are changed I will continue to re-correct them indefinitely until the other person gives up LOL. I've decided to check the tree daily and re-change any changes. I will also add my sources and some notes about why I believe my conclusions are correct.



Yes my Grandfather traveled from Indiana to Nicaragua then California

I can see some uninformed people have made some of the wrong connections, but I am not sure that accounts for every error? It's possible some things got jumbled up due to bugs in the new system?

I found the Family Tree set up to be intuitive; and easy to learn to use. It's set up very much like all other genealogy software. It's a stripped down version of these programs with only basic functions for viewing individuals and families. Matching and merging is the MOST important feature which is fairly easy to use. Although I thought some of the wording was a little confusing. There is a screen showing all merges for an individual and who did the merging. The map feature is fun. It's interesting to see my grandfather's moves mapped out like that. At this point it doesn't look like you can add sources for events? You can add sources for an individual from a limited list of categories.



Merging Screen

I would say that maybe 80 percent of the info I've seen looks good. I even found a lead I need to look into. According to someone Margaret Caldwell wife of James Forgey was born in Dromara Co. Down Ireland? I've just scratched the surface today. I will see if I can come up with anymore leads and maybe useful collaborations? I like the New Family Search Tree and will like it even more when I can make more changes.

Sarah Campbell (1811-1847)	
Summary	Person identifier: LZFT-Y7W
Details	Name: Sarah Campbell
Time Line	Gender: Female
Map	Birth: about 1811 of., Indiana
Parents and Siblings	Christening:
Spouses and Children	Death: 1 July 1847
Possible Duplicates	Burial:
Discussions	<a href="#">Individual notes</a>   <a href="#">Individual sources</a>   <a href="#">Combined records</a>

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Monday, February 20, 2012

## Log Cabins and Log Houses



Nicolas Gibbs's Log House

This being Presidents' Day I got to thinking about the much discussed Log Cabin birth. This humble birthplace was a campaign cliché which identified a candidate as an average American. This birthplace became a source of pride. My grandfather Charles Lynn Forgey was said to have been born in a Log House in Jackson County, Indiana in 1898. He could have used this to garner votes if he ever ran for office.

Log structures were the most familiar ones for my early ancestors in America. In the Midwest and South logs were the most popular building material. The pioneer settlers of the Midwest and Southern States, such as Tennessee, found plenty of trees which could be used for building. It surprised me that the Scots-Irish had no tradition of building with logs. However, they quickly adopted this type of construction which was so well suited to the area. Early churches, school houses, and courthouses were often log structures. The initial log cabins of the pioneers were generally just temporary. Once they got established they would build a log house which was built to be permanent and larger than a log cabin. A log house was also given a more finished look with planed logs, which may have been finished with siding.

The Nicolas Gibbs homestead and log house was built in 1793 in Knox County, Tennessee; near where my Forgey ancestors lived (see picture above). The Gibbs family was a wealthy prominent family. An archaeological dig took place at the site of their homestead. The two plate fragments to the right were unearthed during this dig.

They are examples of Pearl Ware which was an early technique for making ceramics more affordable. A bluing was added to the glaze giving this pottery a white luster which looked like the more expensive porcelain. These examples probably date to the early 19th century. When the house was renovated newspapers from 1850 were found covering the logs inside the house. It was common to cover the walls with newspaper and then put wallpaper over that.



Nancy Forgey's family lived near the Gibb's family in Knox County, TN. Her husband Samuel Crawford built a two story log house on their Grassy Valley property, which stood and was used by the family into the twentieth century.



Crawford Log House Built 1792

The name Abraham Lincoln and the Log Cabin are synonymous. My Mason and Owens family lived in Coles County, Illinois which was where Abraham Lincoln helped build a Log Cabin for his father and stepmother,

and he practiced Law in that area. He worked as a lawyer for the Illinois Central Railroad where my ancestor Peter Mason also worked. My family living in the area did pass down stories regarding seeing Mr. Lincoln in the area.

All of my early American ancestors got their start in these rustic humble homes. Sadly few examples of these houses still stand, and hopefully these will be preserved for future generations.



Lincoln Log Cabin

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Wednesday, February 15, 2012

## WikiTree Collaboration



Working again on Callahan line since I made contact with another researcher through WikiTree. I haven't worked on that line in a number of years. I remember my surprise regarding the fact that Mary and Polly Callahan were the same people in my early research. This was one of my first discoveries when I first started researching. I had no idea Polly was a nickname for Mary before. When I found out that Richard Browning's wife's name was Mary Callahan I immediately searched for her with her parents in 1850 ( my source was my Great-Grandmother Isis Browning/Forgey's Death Certificate). I found a Callahan family right next to Richard and his first wife on the 1850



Census for Jackson County, Indiana. That Callahan family did have a daughter in her age range but her name was Polly? Lucky I was reading a Genealogy how-to book at the time and SURPRISE, I found out Polly was a nickname for Mary. So I figured this was likely the right family living next door to Richard.

Going through my Yahoo Mail I found an email from someone on WikiTree asking me what I had on this family. I am so sorry I missed it earlier. I hate to be rude and not answer emails. The email is dated December 11, 2012. My Yahoo mail is filled to over flowing. I've changed my WikiTree email to my gmail account so this doesn't happen again. What this person specifically



that the Shaker records contain Callahan family info. I also plan on looking more at Dennis Callahan of Brown County, and the Dennises who served in the War of 1812.

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Friday, February 10, 2012

Received Knox County, TN Deeds Indexes

In Knox County, Tennessee Archibald Fisher purchased 200 acres of land in Grassy Valley to the east of Oak Ridge and presently within the city limits of Knoxville. Dated July 5, 1794, the receipt for the original purchase reads, "Then recevd of Archibald Fisher forty-eight pounds ten shillings in horses in part pay of fifty-five pounds, the full amount of two hundred acres of land purchas from John Adair by John Loggan which title the said Adair is to make to said Fisher. Signed - William Lere". Family records do not show when or to whom the land was sold but the year must have been 1804 or 1805.

Nan's Trip Doc.

Technology is such a wonderful thing! I emailed the Knox County, TN archives asking for copies of deed index pages for Archibald Fisher and I received them yesterday. Technology sure helps when you live on the west coast and you are researching east coast ancestors. I received 5 pages for Archibald Fisher which included the General Index to Deeds and WPA Indexes. I had not known before that Archibald's land was located on White's Creek in Grassy Valley. This helps pinpoint the land location. I wondered about the sale of his land. I believed that he and his family migrated to Kentucky about 1797, which is not the case. It seems his son-in-law was a resident of Lincoln County, KY in May of 1797 when he sold his Knox County, TN property. Archibald Fisher purchased 10 acres in June of 1797 so he had not traveled with John Beaird but joined him later. I had read that Archibald sold his property in 1804. He died May 1, 1805 in Randolph County, IL. I found out he sold his land through an agent 12 November 1804. I don't know if he had plans to return? Strange he didn't sell when he left. It was 210 acres on Whites Creek so I know it's the same land he purchased from John Adair in 1794 (actually he purchased 200 acres from John Adair and 10 acres from Thomas Cox on 10 June 1797). I am ordering a copy of the sale deed.



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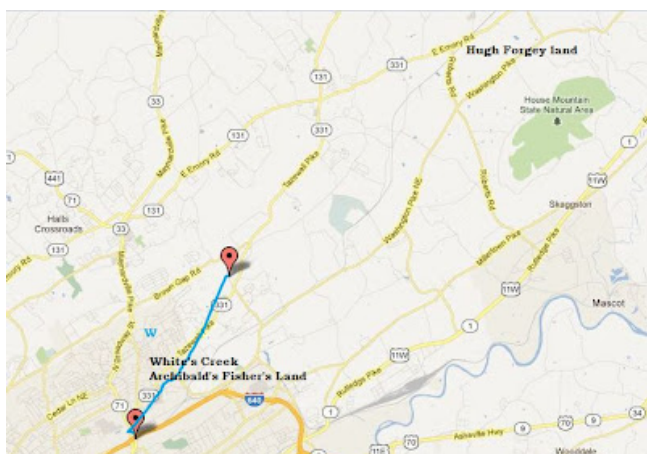
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FLEMING, DAVID	88.
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FLENNIKEN, SAMUEL	144.
FORGEY, HUGH	98.
FOURNIER, N.H.S.	5, 47.
FOYLEY, MARTIN	218.
FRAYE, HENRY	42.

It's a lucky stroke that Fisher and Forgey both begin with F. I was so happy to find Hugh Forgey on the same page as Archibald Fisher. I have been searching for a purchase deed or deeds for Hugh's 250 acres on Flat Creek. I've only been able to find sale deeds. This has stumped me for years.

FLYPING	17.
FORD, ZACHARY	223,
FORGEY	144.
FORGEY, HUGH	139.
FOURNIER, N.H.S.	38,

North Carolina Deeds book 1796-1796

Why no purchase deeds? According to earlier researchers Hugh's land was part of James Forgey's 500 acre land grant. Andrew and Alexander split the 500 acres so I know that isn't true. I am ordering copies of the pages for Hugh in the North Carolina Deed book and Grant book. One of my resolutions for the year is to find the purchase deed, or deeds, for Hugh Forgey's land. It would be nice to meet this goal early in the New Year!



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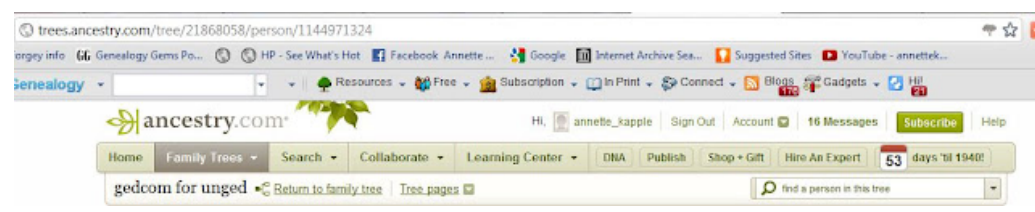
# AK'S Genealogy Research

I am using this blog to record my genealogy research progress. My research at this point is concentrated in Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania records. Since many of my ancestors ended up in the Midwest and West my research sometimes takes me in that direction. I also research Irish records.

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Wednesday, February 8, 2012

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Google Chrome browser extensions were mentioned at RootsTech. As I understood it at least one of them was not available yet? I decided to check to see if I could find extensions for genealogy. I did find a couple, but only one seemed to be useful for me. I don't know whether this one was mentioned at RootsTech? The one I added allows you to search the *Family Search* site from your *Ancestry.com* Tree. This is what the description says:

"This extension takes the vital information from an *Ancestry Family Tree* person page and searches FamilySearch.org using those details. (An Ancestry subscription is required to view other people's Ancestry Family Trees.)"

You can narrow your search by event, parents, and spouse. It would be even more helpful if you could narrow further by date. Otherwise it works well and can be time saving.

To get it just click the wrench in the top right corner go to tools, then extensions or this link <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/iahjgikepkkgkinlhipagkkdgbobphh>.

Once you have it installed go to your ancestry tree and select a person. A tree will then appear in the address bar near the star. Just click the tree to get your results.



I also got the extension for the screen capture that I heard about at RootsTech. I am just learning how to use it. I generally use my Windows 7 snipping tool, but it doesn't let you copy anything that isn't displayed, i.e you can't scroll down. I generally use FS Capture to copy entire pages. I will see if Google Screen capture is better?

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Tuesday, February 7, 2012

# General Hospital (County USC) and a Breakthrough

I was so happy to have finally caught Huell Howser's California's Gold program about the now closed County General USC Hospital. It was so interesting, and moving because some of my family members had been treated there. My mother was in there about the time it was first built (1933). An uncle was patient there in the 1950's with a ruptured appendix. My father always talked about how his brother was put in a bed in a hallway because the hospital was so full, and there were no rooms. My family was appreciative of getting care there during hard times, even though it could be a harrowing experience. It was certainly better than nothing. I wish the entire episode were posted on the internet; it was so interesting. The spookiest thing they showed was the room where families identified dead bodies. It was a cold room with curtains which would be opened for viewing. The body would be on a stretcher behind glass which reminded me of the nursery for babies. They showed the old operating theater. They also showed the ward rooms which contained 4 to 6 Beds per room. One of the nurses said there was one shower for the 20 patients. One TV per room, and one bathroom per room. Sometimes only one nurse for 12 patients. It was interesting to see the therapy pool from the 1930's. They showed the prison ward. The hospital had no air conditioning in the early days and patients often had to be put on IV's during the summer because they got dehydrated. I've been looking for old pictures of the interior of the hospital and wards. I have not found many online <http://digitallibrary.usc.edu/search/controller/simplesearch.htm?page=1&x=1328565589006>, but did find this site with some pictures of the 1933 hospital; and the previous one.

On the subject of County, Charity Hospital's, couple of my Chicago, Illinois ancestors died at Cook

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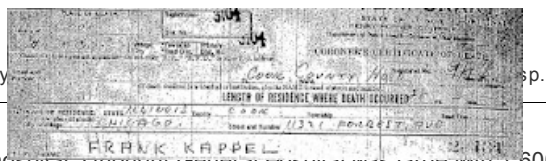
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County Hospital in the early 1900's. These ancestors were mostly hard working immigrant factory workers, who couldn't afford to go anywhere except a charity hospital. I thought General Hospital was large with 1,600 beds. Cook County had 4000 beds!

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Most of my rural ancestors never went to a hospital in early times through the early twentieth century. Even my urban ancestors rarely went to a hospital to give birth. It wasn't until the 1930s that babies were more often delivered in hospitals. My father was born in Chicago Memorial Hospital in 1933. One exception was my Great-Grandmother Helen Mullen-Mason who gave birth to a baby at Hahnemann Hospital in Chicago, IL in 1906. When I ordered this birth certificate I was surprised by this. I talked to an Aunt, who was a nurse, and she thought there were likely some kind of complications with the birth that's why she was hospitalized. This sounded correct because the the baby girl born at 4 am apparently died.

After receiving that birth certificate for Helen and Fred Mason's, baby about 12 year ago, I immediately tried to find anything about that hospital on the internet. I couldn't find anything about Hahnemann Hospital at the time. When I began searching for hospital info after Huell's show I remembered my brickwall regarding that hospital. I found the certificate today and started searching again, and I was so happy to find info about it!

It was a Homeopathic University Hospital. They believed in minimal intervention, and minimal drug use for treatment. This may not have been a good approach since my Great Grandmother's baby died? So glad to find a picture of this interesting building! I will have to read more about this hospital.



Hahnemann homeopathic hospital

Glad again that I saw Huell's show! His show ended up in front of the new USC Hospital which looks really nice! I am glad they are not tearing down the old one. It is an important Los Angeles Landmark. Whenever I pass it I think about my family, and the General Hospital Soap Opera too.



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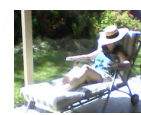
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Sunday, February 5, 2012

## What I learned from RootsTech 2012

I've spent many hours the past few days listening to the streaming sessions at Rootstech . I did the same last year. I've learned many new interesting things this year. You would think after spending many hours reading about genealogy, attending webinars, etc., there would be nothing new to learn. There are so many facets to the field of genealogy that there are endless new things to learn! The field of genealogy and technology is always changing, and will always change, so it's important to keep up to date on the changes, and new records available online. As Lisa Louise Cooke said in her Genealogy Podcasts session continuing education using podcasts, blogs, etc., is essential.

It's hard to pick a favorite session. They were all GREAT! Ron Tanner's session about the Family Search Tree was excellent, and really got me stoked up! At the end of it I felt like let's not stop with correcting Family Trees at Family Search. Let's get millions of people to correct EVERYTHING on the internet! A little too ambitious probably lol? So what about doing the same thing with the trees at [Ancestry](#) and [Rootsweb](#)? I have been correcting some the mistakes on my own Gedcom which is a modest step forward when it comes to cleaning out the rotten genealogy Fridge.

Something I was thinking I would like to see on the internet is a central location where family bible pages can be shared. Something like find-a-grave for bibles would be great!

### What I've learned

- I learned what Metes and bounds mean, finally lol!! "Typically the system uses physical features of the local geography" [Wikipedia](#). I learned about mapping software for this too. Now I can attempt to map out my ancestors land.
- Do I trust the cloud? Session inspired me to actually start using drop box; which is now 19% full for my free account!
- The One Note demonstration during the Idol competition encouraged me to take a look at that.
- Web searching is tricky . Try many search sites. I've had problems in the past when I've gone back to find something and it did not come back up in the search. I've also used the same phrases for years and get different results sometimes. I've found

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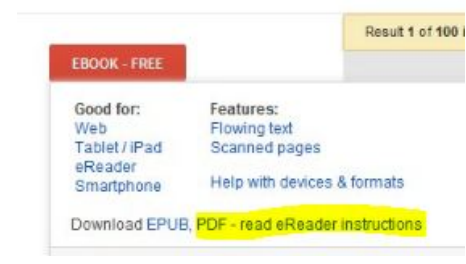
things that have been on the net for years but just came up in the search recently?  
So it's important to repeat searches often.

- Only 5% of web genealogy content is indexed.
- First 5 results in search are the most often clicked on.
- Large number of broken links a problem
- New GedcomX, to include links to other source material.

### Using Google for genealogy



- Use tilde at end of words in search means find words like ~
- In image search upload a picture and click camera in image search to find pictures like it (see image above).
- You can click on black white color images only or just faces.
- Try google news again! It's not going away completely; new content is not being added now.
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- Watch Google Genealogists videos for more tips.
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- There is a screen capture chrome extension.



### Final Ancestry Panel Keynote

- DNA 100 errors in 6 billion genes.
- Computational genealogists work out interpretations of results.
- DNA integrated into records in future.
- Need to crack handwriting recognition to make these kinds of docs available for search.
- 12 percent of people using mobile devices at ancestry.com site (I was thinking how expensive accessing the web is this way, at least for me)

### New Family Search Tree

- You will be able to contribute to it and make corrections.
- You will be able to add source images.
- You will be able to remove old Gedcoms. Like Ron Tanner said you could not remove bad info in the past. I remember when I found errors in some of my earlier submissions I had to submit a new gedcom to correct it, and the bad info was also still there. Can't wait until I can remove my bad info!

Maybe next year they could get Leo Leporte out there! Would love to hear him speak there! <http://twit.tv/>

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Saturday, February 4, 2012

## WDYTYA Premiere Problems

**Awkward?** That's the word that comes to mind when I think about this episode. Martin's ancestors were involved in some very interesting historical events, and I think it all could have been presented in a more interesting way with better transitions. We moved from 1920's Ireland, to 1940's Spain, and then quickly back to the 1700's. All of this wasn't woven together very well.

I also had difficulty understanding which sides the in the Civil Wars his uncles fought on? I was a history major in college, and I am familiar with these Civil Wars so I did finally catch on ( my great-grandparents lived in Ireland during the Civil War).

Now that I've seen most of the British series episodes I have a framework to compare with. The original is the best model to follow; which the American show doesn't always do well.

Their formula consists of rich, interesting historical detail presented in an understandable way. They use great location shots of ancestral locations. Research library and archive footage are nearly always shown, and are fun segments. It's fun to watch individuals do their own research, and make interesting discoveries on their own. This adds excitement to the shows, and makes genealogy look like an adventure. I thought last night's show fell flat as far as showing the excitement of the research chase. Martin did very little of the research on his own.

Not enough cliff hangers, and just plain not enough substance to build a show around last night. They could have brought in more ancestors and more pictures. They could have visited family churches, and cemeteries. The church where his earliest ancestor was buried would have been interesting. More excitement, and just plain more of everything would have been better!

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Wednesday, February 1, 2012



## FT DNA BUSY? Or are they torturing us?

If we already have your sample, your testing is in progress. Due to the volume of orders we received in our extended promotion, our orders are running, but are taking a little longer to complete. We apologize for the delay, we are working diligently to get you the highest quality results.

This is the message we received from FT DNA regarding why Craig Forgey's results were delayed

**Forget watering boarding** When Craig returned his DNA test kit so promptly last November I thought we would get results by late December or early January. I was wrong, it's now February and passed the scheduled return date. As you can see in the message above the holiday sale was very successful; which is good because it gives us new samples to compare with. Although it doesn't make the wait for our results any easier.


Another factor adding to this slow torture is the fact the results are now trickling in backward. Craig took the 67 marker test. We received the results for markers 61 to 67 on January 26. Today we received the results for markers 38 to 60. They have not posted any of the numbers for the completed tests? No matches either? I suppose they can't provide matches until the first markers are tested? We can't compare with the other Forgey/Forgeys yet anyway, because the others have not tested passed the first 37 markers.

Name	Lab Procedure	Return Date
Craig S Forgey	Y-DNA48-60 Markers	2/12/2012
Craig S Forgey	Y-DNA38-47 Markers	2/12/2012
Craig S Forgey	Y-DNA61-67 Markers	1/26/2012

We have generally received results for our earlier tests well before the projected return dates. This has been an unusual situation.

It kind of reminds me of when Illinois was offering free death certificates a few years ago lol (actually it was in 2002). They were deluged with requests, and quickly stopped the program. I remember calling to ask why it was taking so long to get one lol. I was told there was some kind of AWFUL genealogy fad going on, and they were swamped with requests. I eventually received two different copies for one ancestor free :). Since an inquest was held there were two different copies. So it was worth the wait.

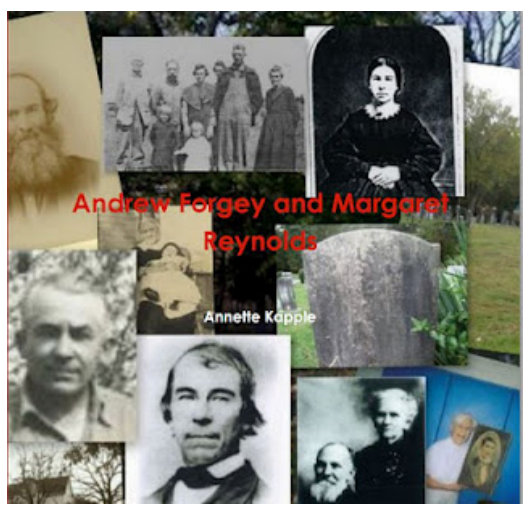
Oh well, we're getting there. I think?

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Tuesday, January 31, 2012

## Publishing Your Family History or Making Your own Reference books



I've put together a brief narrative and descendant report using my Genealogy Software program, and Microsoft Word. I then saved it as a PDF, which is the format needed to produce a book at most publishing websites. *Blurb* requires you use a specific PDF format, PDF/X-3. It can be tricky when it comes to laying out your book correctly. You have to be sure that your fonts are embedded in your PDF; and you should not use unusual fonts. You should use commonly supported fonts. You need to follow instructions for margins carefully; otherwise, you may find some of your text is missing. The Amazon publisher (*Create Space*) and *Blurb* give you a list of problems which it detects on your PDF. I got a message stating my image resolution was too low so the pictures may not come out clear. Lulu does not provide these suggestions.

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You can make books to share with your family, or just as reference books for yourself. I think putting together documents, maps, pictures, progress reports etc., in a published book would be a great way to access them easily. Even if you just print your important source material and three hole punch it and put it in a report cover it would be a very helpful resource. I've used binders in the past, but they are bulky and heavy, a light weight report cover is more compact too. I have quite a few documents etc. in digital format, but find I get tired of looking at the computer screen too long. I like a printed format sometimes. It can be quicker to access a book.

I plan on ordering a copy of my book at *LuLu*. This is definitely an amateur production. I've never tried anything like this before. I haven't used any professional advisers for the layout; so I am not sure how it will come out? We'll see what the results are? I do plan on adding an index to the book and making additions this summer, so it's a work in progress. This copy is my test run: <http://blog2print.sharedbook.com/blogworld/printmyblog/index.html>

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Here is my test copy at *Internet*

*Archive*: <http://www.archive.org/details/AndrewForgeyMargaretReynoldsAScotsIrishFamilyInAmerica13112>

Since I am using this blog as a research log I plan on publishing it using *Blog to Print*.

### Some publishing websites

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Monday, January 30, 2012

## When fact and speculation become confused

FINNY, Alexander (Rev.). From Aberdeen. Son of William F., merchant. To Brandon, Virginia, before 1755. Clergyman. (S.H.) 1643

FISHER, Archibald, died 1 May, 1805. Settled Augusta County, Virginia, before 1767, later to Tennessee and Randolph County, Illinois. Issue: (1) John, died 1804, unmarried; (2) William (q.v.); (3) Eleanor (q.v.); (4) Mary (q.v.); (5) Catherine (q.v.); (6) Nancy (q.v.) (D.C., 26 Dec., 1963) 1644

FISHER, Archibald, aged 35. From Breadalbane, Perthshire. To New York on Lilly, ex Greenock, 14 Apr., 1775. Farmer. Wife and 5 children with him. (T.47/12) 1645

FISHER, Catherine, born ca. 1760. Daughter of Archibald F. (q.v.) Settled Augusta County, Virginia, before 1767. M. Hugh **Forgey**. (D.C., 16 Dec., 1963) 1646

FISHER, Donald. Probably from Islay. Brother of Margaret F. (q.v.) widow McNaughton. To Salem, Massachusetts before 1750. Moved to Pawlet, Vermont. (M.S., I, 130) 1647

FISHER, Donald, aged 26. From Breadalbane, Perthshire. To New York

Often researchers have speculated about events which they did not have direct evidence for. Sometimes these speculations become more than that, and are later represented as fact by others. This often involves a

misreading of notes left by previous researchers failing to notice qualifying statements, such as approximately or circa. I've been researching the Archibald Fisher family. As I search the internet I am finding the year 1767 as the year of their immigration to this county. This was copied from a book. Whoever copied it missed the fact that it actually says immigrated **before** 1767. It's easy to miss that, but important to read through these entries in books etc. to make sure there are no qualifications. I had to go back to the book to verify what it said. I was getting confused and thinking maybe they did immigrate in 1767. Looking at some of the other records for Augusta County, VA it seems that a lawsuit involving Archibald Fisher and his wife Susanna Shaddon was filed in 1766. So it seems Archibald may have been in Augusta County in 1766? We do not know where his children were born and most may have been born in the US (speculation)? I am also speculating that it is possible that Catherine Fisher may be a daughter of Archibald and Susanna? I base this on the fact that it's likely Catherine's husband, Hugh Forgey, was born in around 1766. We don't know how many times Archibald was married. According to a Randolph County History Archibald came from Scotland and first settled in South Carolina?

Here is what we know for certain about Archibald Fisher.

Page 353 a


May, 1768 (A).

Israel Christian vs. William Curry.—Defendant near Staunton. Account. Same vs. William McClintock.—Account. Archibald Fisher and Susanna, his wife, administratrix of Matt Shaddon, vs. James Robinson.—9th August, 1766. Susanna Shaddon (alias Fisher), administratrix of Mathew Shaddon swears that her late husband stated the account vs. James Robinson. The money was due from George Robinson, deceased and was never paid

1. **We know he married Susannah Shaddon sometime after November 1765 when she was appointed administratrix for her late husband ( it looks like Archibald and Susanna were married **before** 9 August 1766 when they filed a suit together?)**
2. **We know he purchased land in Augusta County, VA on 5 March 1767**
3. **Sells his land in Augusta County on 9 Dec 1777**
4. **We know he was in Sullivan County, TN in 1777 when he signed Holston Men Petition.**
5. **We know he received a patent for land in Sullivan County, TN (later part of Hawkins County) on 10 November 1784**
6. **We know he sold his Hawkins County land on 27 May 1789**
7. **We know he married Elizabeth Sharp on 11 December 1797 in Knox County, Tennessee**
8. **He died 1 May 1805 in Ellis Grove, Randolph County, Illinois**

We also know the names of his children because they are named in his will.

What we don't know is when he came to America? Did he settle in South Carolina first? Where was his property in Knox County, TN? When did he sell it? Most importantly, what was Catherine's mother's name?

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Thursday, January 26, 2012

## Can you spot the problems?

The following family group was compiled by a researcher who used the Scottish Church records at Family Search. The last child, Mary Fisher, does not appear in these records, but the researcher assumed she belonged in this family anyway.

Archibald Fisher b. 17 April 1734 in Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland. Father: Patrick Fisher b.1701 married Isobel McDougal  
Children of Archibald and Isabel

1. Janet Fisher b. 16 July 1742 in Alloa, Clackmannan, Scotland
2. John Fisher b. 19 September 1746 Alloa, Clackmannan, Scotland
3. Archibald Fisher b. 24 December 1749 Alloa, Clackmannan, Scotland
4. Isabel Fisher b. 5 July 1751 Alloa, Clackmannan, Scotland
5. Catharine Fisher b. 5 August 1754 Alloa, Clackmannan, Scotland
6. Janet Fisher b. 9 September 1757 Alloa, Clackmannan, Scotland
7. Mary Fisher b. 18 January 1758 (from tombstone) Scotland

The first contradictory fact that stands out is that Archibald Fisher was born in 1734 and his first child was born in 1742.

So he would have been 8 yrs. old when his first child was born? He probably married at 6 yrs. old. Not likely!

A second problem is Janet and Mary were born 4 months apart. Not likely either!

There were also two Janets, so apparently, the first one died. Archibald Fisher came to America in 1767; without his wife who probably died in Scotland? We have not located the name of his spouse on any records in this country. A Fisher researcher assumed that because Archibald had a daughter named Catherine she was the same one born to Archibald and Isabel in Scotland. There were several Archibald Fishers in Scotland at the time. To verify they found the correct one they should have looked at all the birth records for this couple. If they had they would have discovered these contradictory facts.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following sections:

- Refine your search:**
  - First Names:** (empty input field)
  - Last Names:**
  - Search by Life Events:** Any, Birth, Marriage, Residence, Death
  - Search by Relationships:** Spouse, Parents
  - Batch Number:**
  - ☐ Match All Exactly
  - Search** button and **Reset Form** link
- Historical Records:**

1-20 of 44 results for >Name: fisher, Bat

**Try adding more search terms to improve results**

  - Catharine Fisher  
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950
  - Malcom Fisher  
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950
  - Catharine Fisher  
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950
  - Arbald Fisher  
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950
  - Catharine Fisher  
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950
  - Janet Fisher  
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-

The easiest way to find the other children born to this couple is by using the batch number along with a surname search. All of the records for the same Church were batched together (this same method is also helpful when searching any other record extractions in the IGI).

The same researcher also states that Archibald's second wife was Nancy Agnes Firney ( seems close to Forgey?) I've seen this same info copied several times by different people. No one has any source for this. I have not found her in the IGI for Scotland either. It seems a little unusual that a person born that early would have a middle name?

Someone else has an Ann McNaughton as his wife. This is another improbability. This particular family was still in Scotland in 1768, when a child appears in the Church records. I've seen about half a dozen different women recorded as Archibald wives. He may have actually been married about 3 times?

These are the verified children of Archibald Fisher (none of which appear in the IGI Scottish Church Records)

1. Catherine Fisher b.?
2. Mary Fisher b.1757
3. John Fisher b.1762
4. William Fisher b.1766
5. Eleanor Fisher b.1765
6. Nancy Fisher b.c.1767

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Monday, January 23, 2012

## The Mysterious John Beard

Kentucky Marriages, 1802-1850 about John Elinor Beard Fisher	
Spouse 1:	Beard, John
Spouse 2:	Fisher, Elinor
Marriage Date:	20 Aug 1799
Marriage Location:	Kentucky Pulaski County



Nan Harvey just found a marriage record for Eleanor/ Elinor Fisher and John Beaird. I suspected they had married in the late 1780's or early 1790's in Tennessee. I was surprised to find out that they had married in 1799 in Pulaski County, Ky. I had understood that at least one of their children, John Beaird Jr., was of age by 1809 when his father John Sr. died. My relationship to the Beaird family is through my ancestor Catherine Fisher who was the sister of John's wife

Eleanor. I've only found a couple of references to Catherine Fisher/Forgey in records. I've never been able to find anything giving her age. I found an estimated year of birth for her sister Eleanor of 1765. Another sister Mary Fisher/Steele was born 18 January 1758.

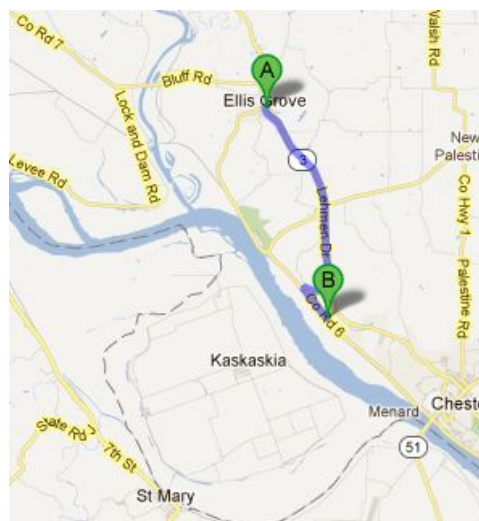
John Beaird's family being more prominent he does appear in several local histories. I am hoping to find more info about my own family by following these collateral lines. The newest discovery of a marriage record for John and Eleanor does raise some questions. Was Eleanor John's first wife? I had suspected that John and Eleanor were neighbors of my ancestors' Hugh and Catherine in Knox County, Tennessee, but now it looks like they were not married when they lived in Tennessee. It does look like they may have had a common law marriage before the official marriage in 1799, because it is suspected that their daughter Harriet was born to them in Tennessee.

I also found out that John Beaird sold his Flat Creek Knox County, TN property in 1797; when he was living in Lincoln County, KY. This was unexpected too. According to family tradition the family left Tennessee in 1801 for Randolph County, Illinois. The story also states the Fisher in-laws accompanied the Beairds in 1801? Did they really travel together or meet up later? Evidence does seem to point to a relationship between them in Tennessee. Maybe there was a common law marriage, and out of wedlock births? I've found references to John Beaird living in Wayne County Ky, Lincoln County, Ky, and Pulaski County, Ky. Apparently this is because the area he was living in was Lincoln County when his first settled there in 1797. This same area became Pulaski County, Ky in 1798, and in 1800 it became part of the newly formed Wayne County, KY. So lots of jurisdictional changes occurred in a short time. It does appear they left Kentucky for Illinois in 1801. I don't know whether the Fishers did the same?

I was also a little confused about where the Beairds and Fishers settled in Illinois. It appears the Fishers settled in Randolph County, and the Beairds in neighboring St. Clair, Illinois. John Reynolds described the place the Beairds settled as 4 mile northeast of Kaskaskia, Illinois. The Fishers lived in the Ellis Grove area a few miles away. Now I am getting a better picture of where the families lived and when. It might be helpful to do some research in these new jurisdictions, which might produce more Fisher family documents.

Then comes an inventory of the estate of John Beaird, dated March 13th, 1809. Beaird must have been farming extensively; the inventory mentions seventeen horses, worth from \$45 to \$100 each, two yoke of oxen, wagons, plows, six sets of harness, etc., a "mulatto negro" worth \$350, and a black boy worth \$250.

Prices paid at the sale: Corn, ten cents per bushel, one barrel of pork, \$10.00, one half dozen of pewter plates, \$2.50. The negro boy "Berry" was sold to John Beaird, Jr., for \$450, the other brought only \$225. Mrs. Elizabeth Worley paid \$120 for a bay mare; twenty acres of wheat in the field brought \$65, and a pot trammel \$4.25; cows sold for nine, ten and twelve dollars, but a "mulley" brought \$13.15, purchased by Monsieur Archambeau; one yoke of oxen sold for \$60.00 and the other for \$17.50. The sale amounted to \$2,273.20.



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Tuesday, January 17, 2012

## Breast Complaint a Misdiagnosis?



Now I am wondering whether "Breast Complaint" was a misdiagnosis? I am sure an accurate diagnosis would be hard to come by in early America and rural Tennessee especially. The James Forgey and Margaret Caldwell family may have been completely decimated by Tuberculosis which was commonly known as "Breast Complaint" in early America. Or could it have been breast cancer? Four Forgey sisters all are described as dying of "Breast Complaint". TB sometimes spreads to the ducts and nodes of the breasts causing lesions. Could breast cancer lesions be mistaken for TB lesions? I would think that could be a possibility. Did the women have a cough? No one gave the details of their symptoms so it's impossible to say.

I wondered how common it would have been for that many members of one family to die of TB? My great-grandmother Isis Browning-Forgey died of TB and remained at home with her children until her death. None of her children caught TB from her. I found this about the famous literary family the Brontës: "Anne and Emily Brontë and other members of the Brontë family of writers, poets and painters were struck by TB. Anne, their brother Branwell, and Emily all died of it within 2 years of each other. Charlotte Brontë's death in 1855 was stated at the time as having been due to TB, but there is some controversy over this today." It is possible the Forgeys contracted TB from one another. Their only brother James Reynolds Forgey died at age 44 of unknown causes. It appears that no one lived until the age of 50. A fifth daughter may have died of the same thing. Here are the dates for all the Forgey daughters (except Sally, I don't have any death info for her)

1. Margaret Forgey (1794-1817) died age 23 (don't know her cause of death?)
2. Mary Forgey (1796-1833) died age 37 of "Breast Complaint"
3. Ellen Forgey (1798-1837) died age 39 of "Breast Complaint"
4. Betsy Forgey (1805-1837) died age 32 of "Breast Complaint"
5. Rachel Forgey (1812-1837) died age 25 of "Breast Complaint"
6. Matilda Miller (1802-1839) died age 37 (don't have her cause of death?)

Looking at the years of death I see 3 in 1837, which would point to a contagious disease, like TB. All who died of "Breast Complaint" died in the 1830's. It's difficult to say if they were diagnosed correctly? They may have died of something hereditary, such as breast cancer; or, may have been TB after all? It's very troubling when you think about the short life expectancy of this family line. My own Forgey line tended to live into old age.

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Monday, January 16, 2012

## What was "Breast Complaint"?

Early medical terminology can be confusing. I've been looking for definitions of some of the diseases my early family had. Some of the names they used could be misleading. For years I was thinking breast complaint must be breast cancer. Four women in the same family died of this, i.e, Polly Forgey, Ellen Forgey, Betsy Forgey, and Rachel Forgey. I was thinking it was hereditary breast cancer. When I googled "died of Breast Complaint" I found several references to tuberculosis. I found a google book called, *"Language of Mormon Pioneers."* Here is their definition of breast complaint:

**Breast Complaint**—n. Tuberculosis.

Hosea Stout's brother, Allen, noted in his journal, that the winter before he was baptized, 1837-38, he "was afflicted with a **breast complaint**—fever sores and a breaking out on my body so I was unable to work at all."<sup>92</sup> It is probable that Brother Allen's breast complaint was not tuberculosis as he might have believed. He lived to be seventy-four.

According to the Crawford family letters (written in the mid-nineteenth century) a number of Forgey family members suffered from "ague". I had no idea what that referred to? I found out it most likely referred to malaria. It could also have been a fever with symptoms similar to malaria. I remember reading about how diseases I thought were tropical were present in early America. Malaria and Yellow Fever epidemics were common in early America. Apoplexy also perplexed me. Apoplexy would be referred to as a stroke today. Before clinical tests were developed the cause of death or disease could only be surmised from previous experience or autopsy, and may not have been accurate. Scholars still debate

the causes of some early epidemics.

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Thursday, January 12, 2012

## West Fork of Flat Creek Found?



Field Stone marking Boston Grave's burial site on Little Flat Creek

I've been continuing to trace the land of Hugh Forgey's neighbors in order to find the location of his Flat Creek property. It seems like Little Flat Creek was not identified as such until the mid nineteenth century; which leaves me with the question was the West Fork later identified as Little Flat Creek? Early deeds never seem to refer to it. I've found a number of transcriptions for Flat Creek deeds on the internet. Flat Creek, and the West Fork of Flat Creek were common names used on deeds for the area.

I found a website with many of John Beaird's deeds transcribed on it

: [http://thebeardfamilyhistory.wikia.com/wiki/Timeline\\_of\\_the\\_Beard\\_Family:\\_Where\\_They\\_Were,\\_What\\_They\\_Were\\_Doing](http://thebeardfamilyhistory.wikia.com/wiki/Timeline_of_the_Beard_Family:_Where_They_Were,_What_They_Were_Doing)

John Beaird (brother-in-law of Hugh) owned 400 acres at the Headwaters of the West Fork of Flat Creek. I figured if I could find his land I would then answer my question. I had searched for Boston Graves earlier (knowing he was a neighbor of Hugh). I had found out that John Beaird had sold land to Boston and his son. Boston was said to have lived on Little Flat Creek according to a descendant. I wasn't sure if that Little Flat Creek land was previously owned by John Beaird? I did find references to the sale of this property by John Beaird to Levi Hinds as follows:

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Stubbs.
Sept. 17, 1796 Age 19-21. Father bought 183 acres on the West Fork of Flat
Creek from John Beaird.
Feb 4, 1799 Age 22-24. Father sold Flat Creek land to Boston Graves.
Apr. 7, 1799 Age 22-34. DATE OF THE SURVEY OF THE LAND GRANTED TO JOHN
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Levi Hinds sold the Beaird property to Boston. This still didn't connect Little Flat Creek and the West Fork. I later found this about Boston's burial which does make the connection:

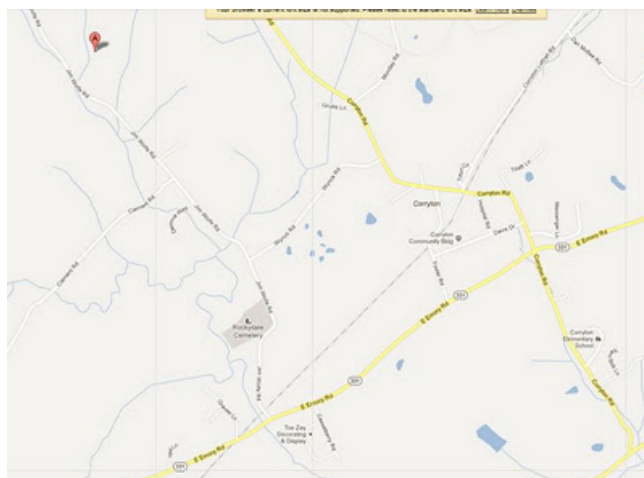
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John Graves, son of Boston, sold his son Henry 100 acres on Flat Creek December 31, 1844, Book N-2, p. 86. This 100 acres was the southwest part of the 183.5 acre tract that Boston bought from Levi Hinds February 4, 1799. The Graves Cemetery is on that tract.

"This Indenture made this Thirty first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four between John Graves, Sr(?) , of Canton of Mass and State of Massachusetts and Henry Graves, Jr. son of the said John Graves."

I was able to establish the connection using all of these facts and going to Find-a-Grave and looking for Boston's burial place. Luckily he was listed there, and the address of the Graves Cemetery was given. I looked it up at google maps and found out it was located on Little Flat Creek. I now have some evidence that the West Fork of Flat Creek and Little Flat Creek are the same. Along with previous statements by family researchers, everything is pointing to Hugh Forgey's property being located on Little Flat Creek.

I found Hugh Forgey mentioned on other West Fork deeds. Some of the men sharing property lines were: William Beaird (John's brother?), Absalom Hankins, and a Reynolds no first name ( may be his cousin John?) Mynatt's and Gibbs also lived close. Hopefully, I will be able to find the exact location of the property eventually!



Boston Graves Burial site location at A pinpoint located on Jim Wolfe Road

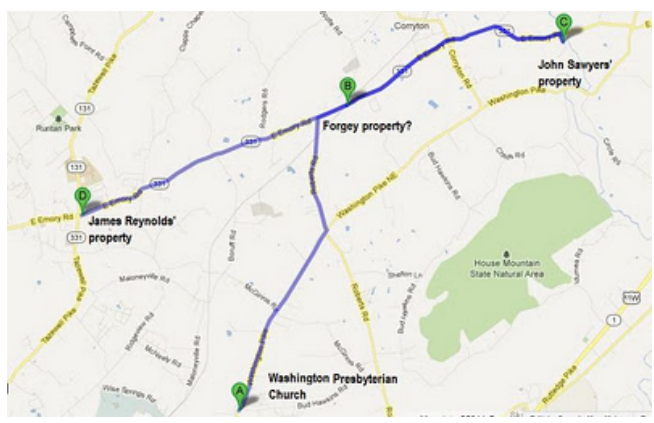
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Tuesday, January 10, 2012



## Where oh where is the West Fork of Flat Creek?



**Where is the West Fork?** Being a Larry Hagman fan I know where South Fork is. Now I just need to find out where the West Fork of Flat Creek is in Knox County, TN. This Flat Creek area is a mystery to many. Lucille Wallace the author of the 1950's version of the Forgey Family History was unclear about it's exact location. She seemed to place it in Hawkins County, not realizing that area later became a part of Knox County, TN. This threw me and others off. When I began searching for Flat Creek I looked at maps for Hawkins County and couldn't find it. When I posted a query at a message board I was told it was in Knox County; I then located the general area.

When I received photocopies of the deeds I noted that Hugh Forgey sold his Flat Creek property to Christian Shell. I found a Shell Lane and Cemetery on a map for the area; I assumed the land was in that area. The land was not literally on Flat Creek. I had read that sometimes the nearest creek was mentioned on these early deeds, and did not mean the property was located on the creek.

Now that I am trying to put together a narrative family history I decided I wanted to include a map of the area where the family lived. I decided I should try to do some fact checking. I got the deeds out and read the location descriptions. Glad I did that because the deeds do say the family properties were located on Flat Creek. Here is what they say:


- James Forgey's grant states the location "Beginning on the North side of the Holston River on a Branch of Flat Creek"
- Alexander Forgey's deed states the land was "on the waters of Flat Creek"
- Andrew Forgey's deeds state "on the waters of Flat Creek"
- Hugh Forgey's deeds state his land was "on the west Fork of Flat Creek"

Armed with these descriptions I am now trying to locate the exact location. My ancestor Hugh's property description is the most descriptive "West Fork." I have not been able to locate a map with that particular location. I did find a query posted by someone also looking for that location. I also found out Hugh's brother-in-law John Beaird lived on the West Fork of Flat Creek. I checked the taxist I have for Hugh Forgey when he lived on Flat Creek. I google searched some of the names plus Flat Creek. When I searched Bostian Graves I found a website where I found this info "The writer has no knowledge as to the original grantees to tracts of land on the head waters of Little Flat Creek. Most of them had served in the Continental Armies of North Carolina or Virginia during the Revolutionary War. Daniel Graves and his father Boston (Sebastian ) Graves (Graff) were in the area May 23, 1797. it is believed they came to Tennessee from Montgomery County, Virginia. They had earlier lived in Orange County, North Carolina. Since this recorder (Scharmal Veronica Triesch Conley) is a descendant of both Daniel and Boston Graves much of this compilation will relate to them and their descendants. On May 23, 1797, Daniel Graves bought 200 acres of land from John Beard. The land was

located in the head waters area of Little Flat Creek, first known as Gravesville and later Graveston. The land is recorded in Book C-1, pg. 131, Knox County, Tennessee. "

I remembered that Lucille's book, and the earlier Forgey Family History did state James Forgey's land was on Little Flat Creek. I will have to order copies of the rest of the Flat Creek deeds to see whether any of the later ones offer a more detailed description of the location? None of the deeds I've seen say anything about Little Flat Creek. There was a Little Flat Creek and a Big Flat (a Forgey relation John Sawyer's lived on Big Flat Creek). Since I did find a couple of references to Little Flat Creek when I googled the names appearing on the Taxlists it is possible the Forgey properties were located on that creek?

I will contact the Knox County archives regarding the West Fork of Flat Creek. In early times Little Flat Creek may have been known as the West Fork of Flat Creek? If so the Forgey properties may be located near present day Emory Road and the Little Flat Creek Baptist Church. It was thought Washington Pike Presbyterian Church was located on Forgey land, but Flat Creek is several miles from there; not likely.

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Sunday, January 8, 2012

## National Register of Historic Places Registration Form/ Genealogy Source

### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is used for documenting multiple property groups relating to one or several historic contexts. *Register of Historic Places registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16B). Complete each item space, use continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer.

☒ New Submission ☐ Amended Submission

#### A. Name of Multiple Property Listing

Historic and Architectural Resources in Knoxville and Knox County, Tennessee

#### B. Associated Historic Contexts

(Name each Associated Historic Context, identifying theme, geographical area, and chronological period for each.)

1. Early Settlement and the Frontier, 1785-1860
2. Suburban Growth and Development in Knoxville, 1861-1940
3. Ethnic Settlement and Migration, 1785-1940


**The National Register of Historic Places Registration Form** I found this form to be a great resource for local history and family history. This Knox County, TN form is packed with information about the early history of Tennessee and Knox County <http://pdfhost.focus.nps.gov/docs/NRHP/Text/64500608.pdf>. It mentions many of the early residents too. I did find a factual error. The person who built the fort at Harbison Crossroads was actually James Reynolds not John. This application involved multiple sites and buildings and contains more info than an average form. Even a shorter form can contain some very interesting historical info about a building or location, and family. Below you can see an example of the kinds of details that were recorded.

Campbell's Station in west Knox County began in 1787, when Colonel David Campbell and his brothers James and Alexander built a blockhouse on the west bank of Turkey Creek near the present Avery M. Russell House (NR 6/5/75). A tavern, tannery, wagon shop and cabinet factory were located there, on the road to Nashville, in the early 1800s. Samuel Graham Ramsey founded Pleasant Forest Church there. By 1810, Charles McClung and William Campbell had opened a general merchandise store. Alexander Campbell moved to the Riverdale Community in 1792, when he felt it was safe from Indian attack. His house is at 6722 Thorngrove Pike (Survey No. 2496). His son, William, soon followed, and located in the Riverdale Community around 1815. William's house (Survey No. 2500) still stands. George Farragut lived a few miles away at Stoney Point, later known as Lowe's Ferry. Other settlers in the area were the Russells and the Lowes, who built a fort south of Campbell's Station on the Tennessee.

Below is an example of the kinds of info you may find about an individual.

Sawyer's Fort was approximately ten miles east of Adair's Station, near the present community of Corryton. In 1785, Colonel John Sawyer acquired one thousand acres in the eastern part of the county. He built a two-story log house (since demolished) surrounded by a stockade on the bank of Big Flat Creek where Emory Road crosses the creek, two miles east of present day Corryton and sixteen miles from White's Fort. In 1795, Sawyer bought more land from Stockley Donelson to sell to other settlers. The Adair family lived here when they first moved into the area, moving when their log house (Adair's Station) was built. Colonel Sawyer fought in the Battle of King's Mountain during the American Revolution. He was also a member of Washington Presbyterian Church, organized in 1802. His son William later acquired a portion of his father's holdings and built a frame, Greek Revival-styled house (1832) located on Washington Pike. The Sawyers-McBee House (Survey No. 2625) still stands and continues to be occupied by descendants.

I am now looking for more of these forms by searching google and including the name of a site or area. They are generally posted as PDF's. I think the information provided is very interesting to include in a Family History, and some of the info may lead to more resources and help breakdown a brickwall.

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Monday, January 2, 2012

## To do list for New Year

Last year was very productive genealogy wise. I joined Second Life last January which helped introduce me to the genealogy community on the internet. As a result I began attending Webinars. I started this blog last March after attending a Dear Myrtle blogging Webinar. I began listening to Genea Bloggers radio even before starting my blog. All of this activity led to a more focused approach to my research which has paid off. I plan on maintaining this

approach this year. I am going to work on improving citations and locating sources. This is my target list for this year:

1. I still have not found the purchase deed for Hugh Forgey's property in Flat Creek, Knox County, TN. He probably purchased the land in the 1780's or 1790's? Will attempt to find the deed.
2. I would like to collect more maps of the areas where my ancestors lived. I especially would like to get a better map of the Possum Creek area of Hawkins County and Flat Creek area of Knox County, TN.
3. I will keep googling my family names in hopes of someone posting transcriptions of letters or diaries. I've pretty much exhausted currently available records at the government level so private sources could be best in the future.
4. I plan on ordering a copy of the Deeds Index for Maury County, TN. I've looked some court records for that area but didn't find anything useful (someone reminded I can order the film online).
5. I need to keep checking the Newspaper project for Tennessee which still has not been completed. I am hoping the early Knoxville Gazette will be available online soon. This should be a great source for the early history of the area.
6. I need to fix some gedcom problems.
7. I plan on continuing to work on my family history book/report.
8. I will move over to Clermont, Ohio and do some more research on Nancy Melvin-Hicks. I would love to find an obituary for her.
9. I still have not found the death years for Patrick Mullen and Mary Huvane in Ireland (my great great-grandparents).
10. I have a long genealogy book reading list I hope to get through this year.
11. More Forgey/Forgety DNA testers would be nice!

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Sunday, January 1, 2012

## My Family and the Rose Parade

My mother's family, the Forgeys, settled in Southern California in 1925. My Nicaraguan grandmother, Graciela Del Castillo-Forgey was able to integrate into American culture very

quickly. The Hispanic heritage of California was familiar to her too. She loved American holidays which she celebrated heartily.

In the late twenties my Forgey Grandparents moved to Glendale, California close to the Rose Parade city of Pasadena. My grandmother became acquainted with a float designer for the City of Glendale. My grandmother loved attending the parade. During the Depression the Parade was great free entertainment. My grandmother's husband and children didn't always share her enthusiasm for the parade. Even way back then the traffic around the parade route was bad. My grandfather drove there once, but was very annoyed by the traffic and would not go again. You have to get there early or camp out to get a good view. It can be very cold and uncomfortable waiting for the parade. My mother didn't enjoy all of these inconveniences either, but often accompanied her mother like a dutiful daughter. My mother did enjoy the 1939 parade when she saw Shirley Temple in person. Shirley Temple shares my mother's birthday. My Kapple family came to California after WII. My father Robert Kapple would send a copy of the Rose Parade program to his Great Aunt Sister Mary Kathleen (Bridget) Mullen who worked at a Catholic Girls boarding School in Chicago, Illinois. She would look at it with the students who enjoyed a great deal as I hear.

I collected the souvenir programs as a teenager. My family would often take a ride on New Year's Eve along the parade route. We would only move at about a snails pace along Colorado so I could purchase a program while waiting for the traffic to move. I enjoyed seeing the crowds camping out and celebrating. Our car would get pelted with dried marshmallows which sounded like hail hitting the car, and silly string. On the way home we sometimes caught a glimpse of the floats be moved to the parade site.

We did attend the parade once. It was fun but pretty exhausting. We generally would just go to see the floats when they were parked. It used to be free. You would have to pay to park close. We always parked on someones front lawn across the street. That was a big money making opportunity for local residents; having people park on their property for \$5 or \$10. It usually took about an hour in traffic to get to the float viewing area. Heading home it would look like a tornado hit Colorado Blvd. with old couches (used by parade viewers) and trash everywhere. It was fun though and they are even more beautiful in person.

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Saturday, December 31, 2011

## Nothing but Good News to end the Year with!

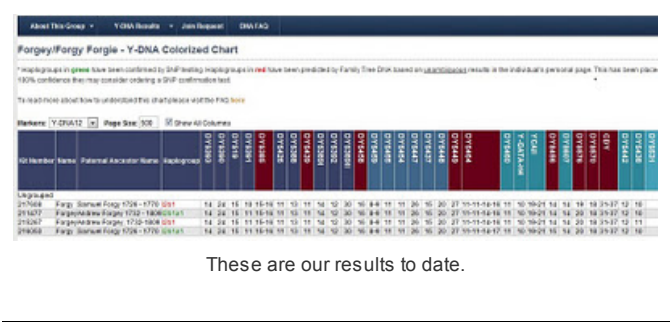


Nancy (Melvin) Hicks  
(1806-1903)



It's been a really good year for genealogy :)! I've had several major breakthroughs. I received the final DNA test results for my Uncle Charles Forgey. At 37 markers he mismatched Roger Forgey by only one marker. That is described by FT DNA as a "Tight Match". They say very few people achieve that close a match. My family and Roger share a common ancestor back in 1732 when our shared ancestor Andrew Forgey was born. I only had circumstantial evidence of this before. Now the DNA backs this up. Really very satisfying! I had no idea they would match that close considering two other testers confirmed to share a common ancestor in the 1720's mismatched by 4 markers at 37 markers. If that had happened in our case it would have led to second thoughts about our relationship.

The one mismatch with Roger was a mutation occurring in our line. It was not shared by our other testers either. The single mutation made a big difference as far as the number of matches my Uncle got versus Roger. My Uncle got sixteen matches and he got 30 matches. That one mutation cut the matches by half.



I made a happy discovery in my ancestry messages. I don't check that message box very often. I didn't notice a message had been there since September about a Joshua Hicks book. It's available at Lulu and Amazon <http://www.lulu.com/product/ebook/descendants-of-joshua-hicks/17440597> . I purchased the digital copy a few day ago. It's really excellent. I was thrilled to find a picture of a many times great grandmother Nancy Melvin-Hicks. I have been researching her family extensively, so seeing a picture was a wonderful treat! I believe she is the earliest ancestor I have a picture of. She was born in 1806. I do plan on doing more research on her in the New Year!

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Friday, December 30, 2011

# My Canvas a Boring, Expensive Family History Book?

ANDREW FORGEY - Family Group Sheet

**Andrew Forgey**  
 Birth: 4 Feb 1760 in Ireland  
 Death: 1888 in Harrison Co., Va  
 Other Spouse:  
 Parents: Forgey



**Margaret Reynolds**  
 Birth: 20 Dec 1760 in Craggan Parish, Co. Louth, Ireland  
 Death: 1 Jan 1828 in Harrison County, Tennessee  
 Other Spouse:  
 Parents: Hugh Reynolds & Mary Ows



Marriage: ANT 1760 in Ireland

CHILDREN	SEX	BIRTH	UNION	MARRIAGE	DEATH
James Forgey	M	8 Jan 1764 in Ireland	Margaret F. Caldwell	8 Sep 1791	27 Mar 1817 in Harrison Co., Va
Hugh Forgey	M	1807 Flax in Ireland	Catherine Fisher	1807	1807 near 1815 1801 in Harrison County, Tennessee
Francis Forgey	F	12 Aug 1766 in Ireland	Isaac Caldwell	1807	13 Mar 1807 in Harrison Co., Va
Margaret Forgey	F	26 Jan 1776 in Pennsylvania	Isaac	1807	13 Feb 1807 in Harrison Co., Va
Andrew Forgey	M	4 Feb 1776 in Harrison Co., Va	Elizabeth		28 Aug 1816 in Harrison Co., Va
John Forgey	M	1807 1777 in Harrison Co., Va	Henry Armstrong		(UNKNOWN)
Sally Forgey	F	30 Jul 1776 in Tennessee	Thomas Caldwell		



I have been trying out the My Canvas family history book creator at Ancestry.com. You can view my own project here [View Annette's project](#).

You can use any family tree you have uploaded to Ancestry to create your book. You can also use any documents and photos you have stored there too. Using their book designer is a little tricky. Creating a book is very time consuming. You can only add 4 generations initially. You can then continue adding new pages with more generations.

It definitely could be more user friendly. For instance you have the option to upload 3 or 4 generations at a time. There should be an option for fewer, because you may end up with many more pages than you actually want. You may end up with too many time lines especially. I think I would only want a time line for key people. I can't imagine wanting a time line for every individual. So you have to go in and delete the pages you don't want. Very time consuming. More options for adding pages, and deleting several at a time would be helpful.

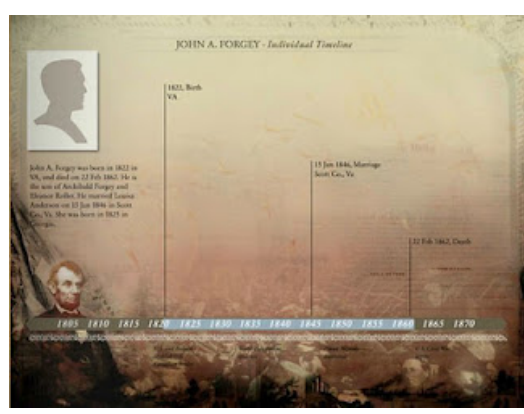
Adding text is a pain too. This is designed to be more of a picture book than a real Family History.

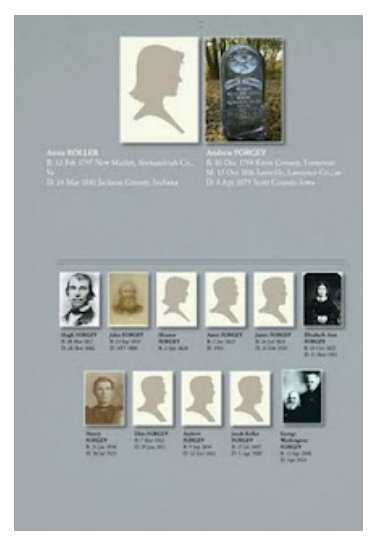
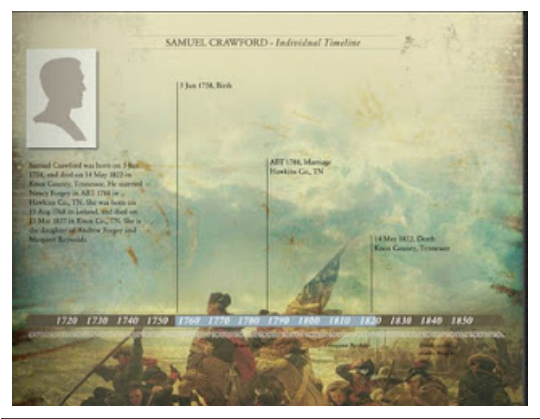
I've uploaded a few examples of the pages I created here. The family group sheet is above.

The first two below are examples of individual time lines. Too bad you can't insert more events and years. You are stuck with their default events. There isn't a military confederate background either. Don't know if confederates would want Lincoln on their time line?

If you are creative and have time on your hands you can get a very nice final product.

Otherwise the basic book is not worth the expense.





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Tuesday, December 27, 2011

# A Software Generated Family History

I've been comparing software generated modified descendant registers for creating a Family History. You can generate a book using this report. Once you've produced your report you can upload it to Internet Archive and share it with family.


I started out by using my own Rootsmagic program. I used the modified register report and added more photos for family members. It produced a nice layout, with lots of detail included in the family group layout. It also produced an index which is so helpful.


**Descendants of Andrew Forger** 27 December 2011

201. ii. **Abigail Forger** was born in Dec. 1840;  
202. iii. **Ornella Forger** was born in Jul 1859.

192. **Mary Forger** (George S-A, An-Mich-J, Hugh-2, Andrew-1) was born on 22 Aug 1873 in Christian Co., Mo. She died on 28 Jan 1920 at the age of 46 in Christian Co., Mo.


Mary Forger and John Wesley Raker were married on 15 Aug 1892 in Indiana, Kentucky. John Wesley Raker was born in May 1865 in Missouri. He died in 1902 at the age of 46 in Christian County, Missouri.


 193. **William Wray Forger** (Hugh-4, Andrew-3, Hugh-2, Andrew-1) was born on 18 May 1867 in Jackson County, Indiana. He died on 20 Dec 1931 at the age of 71 in Jackson County, Indiana. He was buried in Pleasant Cemetery, Reersville, Indiana.

 William Wray Forger and John Minerva Browning were married on 22 Jan 1890 in Jackson County, Indiana. John Minerva Browning, daughter of Richard Washington Browning and Mary Ann Castile, was born on 27 Nov 1869 in Jackson County, Indiana. She died on 7 Feb 1958 at the age of 78 in Jackson County, Indiana. She was buried in Pleasant Cemetery, Reersville, Indiana.

William Wray Forger and John Minerva Browning had the following children:

203. i. **Charles Lynn Forger**, born 17 Dec 1891, Brownstown, Jackson, Indiana, married Geraldine Del Castillo, 10 Jan 1916, Morgan, Wyoming, died 24 Sep 1976, La Brea, Los Angeles, California  
204. ii. **Ian Forger** was born on 28 May 1897 in Jackson County, Indiana.

 205. iii. **David Blair Forger** was born on 14 Aug 1899 in Kurtz, Jackson County, Indiana.

 206. iv. **Edna Rose Forger** was born on 9 Oct 1906 in Brownstown, Jackson County, Indiana.  
207. v. **Clara Josephine Forger** was born on 4 Feb 1907 in Jackson County, Indiana.  
208. vi. **Mona Marie Forger** was born on 23 Jul 1910 in Pleasant, Jackson County, Indiana.

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Rootsmagic Modified Descendant Register

I also downloaded a free trial of The Family Historian software. I created another modified register here. It produced a slightly different layout. I believe that company is based in the UK where they have a different protocol for the arrangement of the data. Rootsmagic provided more details for individuals at the family group level, whereas, Family Historian only gave date ranges, and no spouse info at this level. I could not manipulate the pictures in the Rootsmagic program, but could with Family Historian. I was able to make the pictures small, medium and large. I could also move them. I later found out I could change the size of the pictures at Rootsmagic by going into settings then options, and resizing them. I don't think you can move them in Rootsmagic?

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## Ancestral Quest

## Ancestral Quest Index

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Here is a sample of the

Descendants of Asa Clark Brown

First Generation

I. Asa Clark, Brown<sup>1-2,3</sup>, son of Nathan Brown and Molly Clark, was born on 11 Oct 1792 in Woodstock, Windham, Connecticut<sup>2-4,5,6,7</sup> died on 8 Mar 1866 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, at age 73<sup>5,8</sup>, and was buried in Mar 1866 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota<sup>7</sup>. Another name for Asa was Clark<sup>9</sup>.



Asa Brown

Asa married Elizabeth Reynolds, in 1810-1815.  
Children from this marriage were:  
M i. Brown was born about 1815<sup>10</sup>.  
2 M ii. Reverend Nathan R. Brown was born about 1817 in , , Pennsylvania<sup>10</sup> died on 5 May 1897 in Fairfield, Clay, Nebraska, about age 80, and was buried on 6 May 1897 in Fairfield, Clay, Nebraska.

nealogist:

Descendancy Narrative of Barbara Range (41)

I. Barbara<sup>1</sup> Range (41). Her married name was Wright. She was born in 1787. She married John Wright (42) in Dec 1817 at Washington County, Tennessee.  
A. Elizabeth Range<sup>2</sup> Wright (22). Her married name was Kiebler. She was born on 22 Dec 1818.  
Elizabeth Range Wright (22) married Benjamin Franklin Kiebler (21) on 17 Mar 1842. She died between 6 Jun 1943 and 24 Jun 1943 at age 24.  
1. Mary Catherine<sup>3</sup> Kiebler (2). Her married name was Alexander. She was born on 6 Jun 1843 at Kiebler Crossroads, Washington County, Tennessee. Her name has also been spelled "Mary Katherine." She lived between 1844 and 1901 at Saffins, Union County, Tennessee.  
Mary Catherine Kiebler (2) appeared on the census on 14 Dec 1850 at Washington County, Tennessee, in the household of her father, Benjamin Franklin Kiebler (21) and his second wife, Barbara Kelly (23).  
Mary Catherine Kiebler (2) connected to Chastanty circa 1857. She married Frank Alexander (1), son of John Alexander (10) and Deliah Woods (11), on 24 Dec 1861 at the John W. Totten home, Elizabethton. She died at 1:30 a.m. on 29 Nov 1918 at Erwin, Union County, Tennessee, at age 75, during a visit to her daughter, Mary Virginia House. She was buried at Round Hill Cemetery, Marion, Smyth County, Virginia.  
a) Samuel Leef Alexander (3) was born on 17 Dec 1862 at Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee. He died on 28 Nov 1932 at age 69; he was buried at Round Hill Cemetery, Marion, Smyth County, Virginia.  
b) Lula Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Alexander (4). Her married name was Sadler. She was born on 13 Mar 1865 at Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee.  
Lula Elizabeth Alexander (4) married Robert Moore Sadler (5) on 22 Jul 1885 at Union, Smyth County, Virginia. Frank Alexander (1) performed the ceremony.  
Lula Elizabeth Alexander (4) and Robert Moore Sadler (5) had six children.  
Lula Elizabeth Alexander (4) died on 18 Oct 1954 at Richmond, Virginia, at age 89.  
(1) Louise Kuy<sup>5</sup> Sadler (51). Her married name was Stalerman. She was born on 1 Oct 1893. She married Joseph Mack Stalerman (52) on 6 Jun 1916 at Richmond, Virginia. She died on 11 Dec 1987 at 554 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria, Virginia, at age 94.  
c) John Wright<sup>6</sup> Alexander (5) was born on 10 Oct 1867 at Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee. He died on 5 Jan 1931 at age 23. He died on 4 Jan 1931 at Saffins Mills, Russell County, Virginia, at age 23. He was buried at Round Hill Cemetery, Marion, Smyth County, Virginia.

The Master Genealogist Descendant Narrative

This report provides a substantial amount of info about individuals. It reads more like a word processor style document; the layout is basic no frills.

I like the Rootsmagic and Family Historian layouts the best. I think the Rootsmagic version is excellent. The Family Historian layout is good to give to family members not that familiar with genealogy. They can quickly scan the info which is very simply layed out. Too much info, too cluttered may put off those not familiar with genealogy.

I found out that I could add biographical info using comments. Without the biographical info these reports can be about as interesting as reading a phone book. I also found it may be necessary to remove some of the facts and events you may have in your database. These can result in very odd sentences. You may also get a sentence that reads "undefined sentence." That means you need to remove a bit of information connected to that person. It's best to use notes/comments to give info about Military Service etc. Sources may come out jumbled also. It's probably best not to activate sources for reports for those not familiar with genealogy. You can include some important sources in notes.

It is good to print and read a narrative report like this. I found many mistakes on my gedcom. It's difficult to spot mistakes unless you create a narrative.

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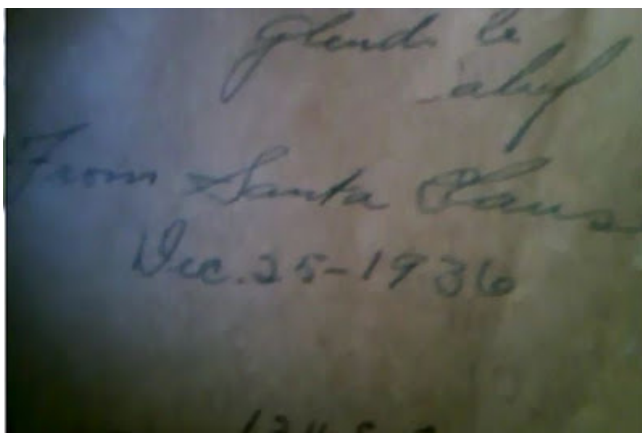
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Sunday, December 25, 2011

Santa and my Grandfather had the same

## Handwriting



In 1936 my mother received this dictionary from Santa Claus :D with the inscription "From Santa Claus Dec. 25- 1936"

Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas!

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# AK'S Genealogy Research

I am using this blog to record my genealogy research progress. My research at this point is concentrated in Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania records. Since many of my ancestors ended up in the Midwest and West my research sometimes takes me in that direction. I also research Irish records.

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Friday, December 9, 2011

## Alexander G. Forgey, Do We Have the Best Sources?

Alexander G. Forgey was born in 1779; he was a son of James Forgey, who early emigrated from Virginia. We find that he entered 500 acres of land upon Little Flat Creek, sixteen miles east of Knoxville, upon which he moved in 1792. We find that James Forgey had four sons, viz:

Alexander, Hugh, James and Andrew Forgey.

Nothing is known of the Hugh or Andrew Forgey families, if they had any. It seems that the James Forgey family emigrated to Ohio, just when it is not known.

*250. An.*  
 This Indenture made this second day of december in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, between James Forgey of the County of Macon and State of Tennessee of the one part & Alexander Forgey of the County of Knox and State of Tennessee of the other part: Witnesseth, that the s. James Forgey for the sum of \$1000...



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**Is this proven** I've written about Alexander G. Forgey in this blog before. I said I believed that he and Andrew Forgey of Maury County were likely brothers and could be sons of Alexander Forgey of Virginia. The Sawyers Harris Family history purports to document his family history. It was written in 1913 by Madison Monroe Harris and William Randolph Carter (I've embedded a copy below).

I've been going through the info in this book regarding his early history. According to the book he is the son of a James Forgey who entered 500 acres on Flat Creek, in Knox County, TN and lived on that land from 1792. It is odd that I have not been able to find a James Forgey in Knox County, TN court records if he lived there from this early date? This is very unusual since every male at some point served on a Jury.

I immediately find more holes in this family history. As you can read above, James was said to have had four sons. Alexander, Hugh, Andrew and James. We know for a fact that Alexander and Andrew are closely associated. We find them witnessing documents, buying land next to each other on Flat Creek. There is never a James involved with any of them other than one

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described as living in Hawkins County, TN. There is never any evidence of a James Forgey living in Knox County, TN. The authors conclusion that Alexander had a brother James came from the fact that a James Forgy family had also settled in Northern Indiana, like Alexander G. later did. There was no basis in fact for this. As it turns out this James Forgey family did not come from Tennessee at all. It was just a coincidence they settled in the same area. Lucille Wallace also came to the conclusion that the James mentioned by the Sawyers Harris author, as the son of James brother to Alexander, was not.

Another misidentification occurred regarding Hugh Forgey. Hugh Forgey was not Alexander G.'s brother at all. The Hugh Forgey living on Flat Creek was the son of Andrew Forgey and Margaret Reynolds. Hugh Crawford, grandson of Andrew and Margaret and born 1806 Knox County, TN, wrote in his Journal that his Uncle Hugh Forgey lived in Knox County, TN.

At the face of it you would think the authors had a good sources for the family history. They tell us that James Forgey migrated early from Virginia to the Flat Creek area. Sounds like they knew what they were talking about? Actually since Alexander was said to have been born in Virginia this was likely the basis for that statement . It was just another assumption.

In 1802 James Forgey sold two equal portions of his 500 acre grant to Alexander G. and Andrew. This deed does not say anything about relationships. The land was sold to these men not given away to them. The price could not be called hugely discounted either. These deeds damage the circumstantial case that James was likely their father. The deed portion I copied above states that James Forgey of Hawkins County, TN is selling to Alexander Forgey of Knox County, TN. Well James Forgey of Hawkins County, TN brings to mind only one person that is James son of Andrew and Margaret. Not Alexander G.'s father at all. James was known to have purchased large land grants which he did not live on. He appears to have bought them for speculation. James being in Alexander G.'s age range seems to point to a cousin relationship. The only source for the James Forgey as Alexander's father appears to be the Sawyers Harris book which Lucille Wallace later quotes. I have seen nothing else. The only source mentioned in the Sawyers Harris Family History is the 500 acre land grant on Flat Creek. More than this is definitely needed.

I can see where a circumstantial case might be built around the land grant, but this is not supported by the sales deeds. A family history is not a good source since they can be notoriously wrong when it comes to early generations. Building a good foundation for a family history requires several primary sources. One deed just isn't enough. We need some proof that there were two James Forgeys living in the Eastern Tennessee area at the same time, and nothing points to this so far. However we do know that James Forgey of Hawkins County, TN uncle Alexander Forgey sold his property in Washington County, VA in 1796 and disappears? So does Alexander Forgey relocate to Knox County with two sons? So has anyone proven who Alexander G.'s father is? No. Should we continue to search? Yes.

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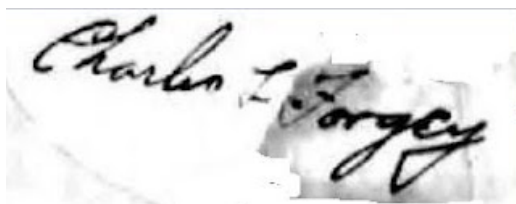
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Wednesday, December 7, 2011

## Forgey Autograph Collection and A Forgey is DNA Testing with Ancestry.com

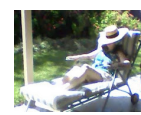
**New Test Location** Brandon Forgey is testing with Ancestry.com.. His father is testing with Family Tree DNA . This is the Maury County, TN Forgey family. It should be interesting to compare their results. None of the Forgeys have tested with Ancestry so far. We'll see what kind of matches they come up with. I believe the Maury County, TN Forgeys are closely related to Alexander Forgey of Tippecanoe, Indiana.

I am always excited to find examples of the handwriting of our early family members. As you can see below everyone had a very distinctive signature. I can always spot Hugh's signature because of the way he forms his H, a very unusual style. I tried to copy his H and it took me a few tries. Everyone had their own distinctive tail loops on the g and y in Forgey, I am not used to writing a cursive F. The F is kind of a tricky and everyone forms it a little differently. When I analyze whether one of the Forgeys actually signed something I check previous confirmed signatures paying attention to the loop tail and the form of the F. James Forgey's signature is always difficult to read, so his name may sometimes indexed wrong?




My Grandfather Charles Forgey b. 1898

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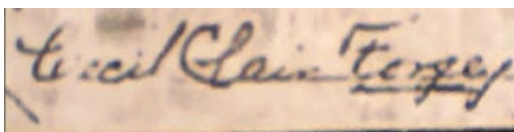


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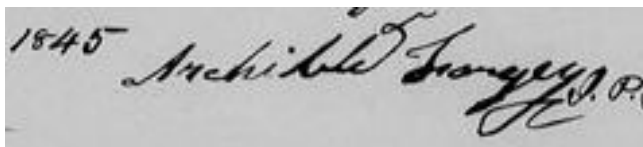
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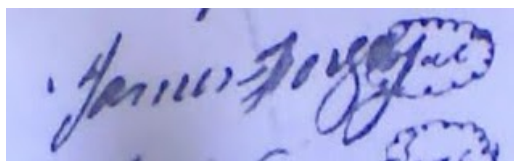
My Great Uncle Cecil Clair Forgey



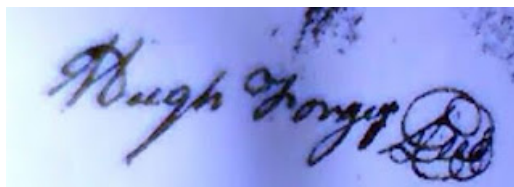
Archibald Forgey b. abt 1790 of Scott County, Virginia likely son of Hugh



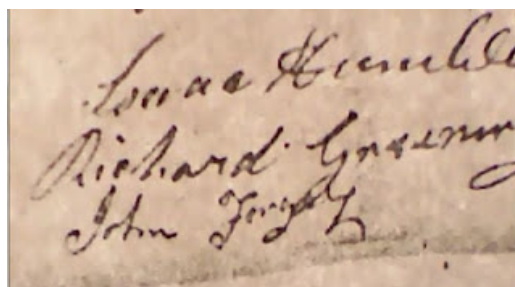
Andrew Forgey Sr. b. 1732 would likely be my several times Great-Grandfather



James Forgey son of Andrew Senior



Hugh Forgey my several times great grandfather son of Andrew Forgey Senior

John Forgey of Hawkins and Shelby Counties, TN  
son of Andrew Jr. (nephew of John of McMinn)

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Monday, November 28, 2011

# My DNA Wish List for Santa! Plus link to Our Group

**Most wanted DNA** Made my list for Santa and it's all about DNA ;)! Considering we didn't have a DNA project before August 2011 we have made great progress so far! Here is a link to our Group Forgey/Forgy/Forgie: <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/ForgeyForgyForgie/> Just use the tabs across the top to see other pages. Click the Y DNA drop down menu to see the actual results so far. We should have more results by late December.

We can always use more participants in our Forgey/Forgy & Fergie project. The larger the number of testers the more we can learn. DNA testing requires comparisons between matches, and patterns only come to light after groups of cousins pool results.

**Here is my most wanted Y DNA:**

1. Forgety line
2. Gabriel Forgey line
3. Archibald Forgey line
4. Alexander Forgey line
5. Hugh Forgey Bourbon Kentucky line
6. William Forgey supposed French line
7. John Forgy Cumberland, PA line (someone already tested on this line but I am not sure about the results?)
8. Canadian Forgies

I have added in **red** those who have tested for each line in to the chart below (we are DNA testing to better determine the lines so some of these are guesses). Clinton Forgy has not returned his test yet and is testing in Samuel's line. **We need to fill in the empty boxes, and we can use more testers in the Andrew line. Test prices start at \$99 for 12 markers. We have a Forgey, Forgy, Fergie group at FT DNA <http://www.familytreedna.com/>**

Name	Place first settled	Year of arrival	First appears in Documents	Place of Origin	Place of Death	Spouse's Name
Robert FORGEY	Dumfries, Prince William Co., VA		1755 Contract Prince William Co., VA	??	Dumfries, VA or Bedford, VA	
John FORGY <i>Jo Forgy (need a second for confirmation)</i>	Cumberland Co., PA		1762 Tax list Cumberland Co., PA	Ireland		Mary
Samuel FORGY <i>Darren, Mike</i>	Lancaster Co., PA	Abt. 1762	Married 1762 Lancaster, PA	Ireland	Rowan County, NC	Sarah WILSON
James FORGEY	Chester County, PA		1765 Chester County, PA			
Alexander FORGEY FORGIE	Granville or Craven County, NC	1768 Charleston, SC	13 Feb 1768			
Andrew FORGEY <i>Roger, Charles</i>	Cumberland County, PA	Abt. 1768	1772 Peters Township Cumberland Co., PA	Co. Armagh, Ireland	Hawkins County, TN	Margaret REYNOLDS
Alexander FORGEY <i>Craig, Brandon</i>	Ditto	Ditto		Ditto	Washington Co., VA	Agnes MEEK
Hugh FORGEY	Lancaster Co., PA	1774		Co. Antrim, Ireland	Bourbon Co., KY	Mary Deer, Sally EVERMAN
John FORGEY	Westmoreland Co., PA		Became Citizen Bet. 1798-1802			
William FORGEY	Allegheny Co. PA	1783	Oath of Allegiance 1786	Ireland		Rebecca THORNBURG
Charles FORGEY			1786 Tax list Westmoreland Co., PA			
Thomas FORGEY	York County, PA		1790 Census			

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Thursday, November 24, 2011

## Happy Thanksgiving!



Charles and Graciela Forgey Family 1951



This is the Gravy Boat From the picture above, my mother believes it's from the early 1900s.



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Tuesday, November 22, 2011

## FT DNA Beta + Final DNA comparisons at 37 markers


**New beta site and finals to date** When I saw that Mike Forgy's 37 marker results came in I noticed major changes to the FT DNA site. Here is the explanation I found posted there: "Beginning today, 11/21/2011, Project Administrators will have exclusive access to our new myFTDNA 2.0 BETA. Use the kit links within your project to access the new personal pages." It took me a few minutes to understand the new layout. I like it. There are some new ways to sort results such as by surname. I have to play with this after Thanksgiving to see what else you can do. I copied some of the new reports below. As you can see below the number of markers mismatched is now posted with the name on the far left hand side. I was very satisfied with the rest of Mike's results. Here is what we can infer so far with the 3 tests complete:

1. Forgey is a variant spelling of Ferguson. Mike had 11 Ferguson matches and Roger had 5 ( see last two images in this post for Ferguson ONLY matches.
2. There was a mutation in one of Mike's first 12 markers which was not shared by either Darren or Roger or any of the Fergusons which means this is a unique mutation in his line.
3. Two mutations occurred in Darren's line which were not shared by either Roger or Mike. So they are unique to this line and can be used to set them apart.
4. One marker tested in the last set for Mike did not match either Darren or Roger, but did match many Fergusons. So I wonder if Darren and Roger's line's both experienced a

- mutation at a later date?
- 5. Larry Laughlin has been a close match to all three men and a perfect match for Mike. This may just be a coincidence or maybe a non paternity event? Some lines do have very few mutations so it's possible he is related before the adoption of fixed surnames?
  - 6. Many of the Forgey/Forgy matches tested positive for the Scottish Clade which I discussed before. So it looks like Roger and Darren will test positive when their results come back in late December (the new beta site shows deep clade results for matches).



We should have more test results by late December. It is odd that Roger and Mike have two marker mismatches and Mike's supposed closer relative Darren mismatched by 4. Hopefully we can clarify this with next set of results; which should be for my uncle.

Mike Forgry

Steps	Name	Y-DNA Haplogroup	Terminal SNP
0	 Mr. Larry Laughlin Y67	I2b1a1	L126

Mike Forgry

37 MARKERS - 64 TOTAL MATCHES			
Steps	Name		
1		George Robert Ferguson Y67	

Mike Forgry		Roger Forgey		Darren Forgry	
37 MARKERS - 64 TOTAL MATCHES		37 MARKERS - 29 TOTAL MATCHES		37 MARKERS - 8 TOTAL MATCHES	
Steps	Name	Steps	Name	Steps	Name
2	 Kenny Ferguson Y37	2	 Michael O'Dell Forgry Y37	2	 Roger Forgey Y37
2	 Roger Forgey Y37	2	 Mr. Darren Edgar Forgry Y37		
2	 Mr. John David Ferguson Y67	2	 Mr. Larry Laughlin Y67		
2	 Michael O'Neal Elder Y111	2	 Michael O'Neal Elder Y111		

Mike Forgey 3 marker mismatches

Roger Forgey 3 marker



37 MARKERS - 64 TOTAL MATCHES		37 MARKERS - 29 TOTAL MATCHES	
Steps	Name	Steps	Name
3	Mr. Wayne A. Forgie Jr. Y37	3	Mr. Wayne A. Forgie Jr. Y37
3	Gabriel Joseph Ferguson Y37	3	Gabriel Joseph Ferguson Y37
3	Mr. Barry Ferguson Y37	3	John Richard Gelston Y37
3	Mr. Kendrick Busby Utth Y37	3	William Lewis Leigh Jr. Y37
3	Mr. Thomas Edward Gillespie Y37	3	George Robert Ferguson Y67
3	John Richard Gelston Y37	3	Charlie Wayne Stewart Y67
3	William Lewis Leigh Jr. Y37	3	George W. Stuart Y67
3	Mr. Gerald Andrew Ferguson III Y67	3	Justin Lee Stewart Y111
3	Dr. Terry A. Ferguson Y67	3	Jacob Lee Stewart Sr. Y111
3	Harold Joseph Laughlin Y67	3	James Oliver Stewart Y67
3	Robert Bruce Ferguson Y67		
3	William David Gordon Y37		
3	Charlie Wayne Stewart Y67		
3	George W. Stuart Y67		
3	Justin Lee Stewart Y111		
3	Jacob Lee Stewart Sr. Y111		
3	James Oliver Stewart Y67		
3	Neill Wyndham Quinn Y37		












Mike Forgy 4 marker mismatches Roger Forgey ditto

Darren Forgy ditto






37 MARKERS - 64 TOTAL MATCHES		37 MARKERS - 29 TOTAL MATCHES		37 MARKERS - 8 TOTAL MATCHES	
Steps	Name	Steps	Name	Steps	Name
4	Mr. Darren Edgar Forgy Y37	4	Kenny Ferguson Y37	4	Michael O'Dell Forgy Y37
4	Mr. Edward Shawn Gunning Y37	4	Mr. John David Ferguson Y67	4	Mr. Larry Laughlin Y67
4	Mr. Jesse McCullar Y67	4	Mr. Patrick Hugh Scanlon Y37	4	William Howard Gordon Y37
4	Mr. Bruce John Gunning Y111	4	Tommie F. Stuart Y37	4	Michael O'Neal Elder Y111
4	Mr. Patrick Hugh Scanlon Y37	4	Scott Thomas Stuart Y37	4	Huntly Scott Gordon Y37
4	Patrick Max Rice Y67	4	Mr. Michael Henry Y67	4	Mark Edward Gordon Y37
4	Douglas Arthur McWhirter Y37	4	Stanley McIlrath Y37	4	Mr. Fred (ric) Duane Gordon Y67
4	Mr. Steven Douglas Williamson Y67	4	William Howard Gordon Y37		
4	Richard I. Ralston Y37	4	Dr. David Malcolm Stitt Y67		
4	Mr. William P. Laughlin Y67	4	Hugh I. McArthur Y111		
4	Dr. Samuel Alexander Hanna Y67	4	Jimme Robert Hernandez Y37		
4	James Michael Taggart Jr. Y37	4	Huntly Scott Gordon Y37		
4	Mr. W. Trevor Ferguson Y67	4	Charles Wayne Stewart Y37		
4	Tommie F. Stuart Y37	4	Mark Edward Gordon Y37		
4	Jesse Owen McWhirter Y67	4	Mr. Fred (ric) Duane Gordon Y67		

4	 Mr. Gary Patrick Grimes Y37
4	 Scott Thomas Stuart Y37
4	 Greg Spencer Mills Y67
4	 Mr. Michael Henry Y67
4	 Stanley Molirath Y37
4	 William Howard Gordon Y37
4	 Robert John McCullough Y37
4	 Mark Gillespie Y67
4	 Dr. David Malcolm Stitt Y67
4	 Mr. Christopher Dwight Ferguson Y37

Mike Forgy's Ferguson Matches

ADVANCED VIEW						
Name	YDNA Haplogroup	mtDNA Haplogroup	Y-DNA12	Y-DNA25	Y-DNA37	Y-DNA67
 Walter Grant Ferguson Y12	I2b1		1	-	-	-
 Ferguson	I2b1	H	x	2	3	-
 George Robert Ferguson Y67	I2b1		1	1	1	x
 Mr. Gerald Andrew Ferguson III Y67	I2b1		x	2	3	x
 Dr. Terry A. Ferguson Y67 FMS FF	I2b1	H1	x	2	3	x
 Mr. Christopher Dwight Ferguson Y37	I2b1		x	x	4	-
 Mr. W. Trevor Ferguson Y67	I2b1		x	x	4	x
 Ferguson	I2b1		1	2	3	x
 Mr. John David Ferguson Y67	I2b1		1	1	2	x
 Mr. Barry Ferguson Y37	I2b1		1	1	3	-
 Kenny Ferguson Y37	I2b1		1	1	2	-

Roger Forgey

ADVANCED VIEW						
Name	YDNA Haplogroup	mtDNA Haplogroup	Y-DNA12	Y-DNA25	Y-DNA37	Y-DNA67
 Ferguson	I2b1	H	1	1	3	-
 George Robert Ferguson Y67	I2b1		x	2	3	x
 Mr. John David Ferguson Y67	I2b1		x	2	4	x
 Mr. Barry Ferguson Y37	I2b1		x	2	x	-
 Kenny Ferguson Y37	I2b1		x	2	4	-

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Thursday, November 17, 2011

## Family Pictures Gold Rush and Mystery Solved



William W. and Alice Forgey

**Exciting week in genealogy!** I think I collected more family pictures this week than in the past few years combined. I also received an answer to the question regarding how William Kappel was killed in WWII on Veterans' Day. The battalion history for 462nd AAA is posted here

<http://www.antiaircraft.org/PDF/462.pdf> and mentioned William Kappel's death. I was thrilled to receive an envelope in the mail from a Forgey Aunt and Uncle with family pictures and letters on Monday. I am so happy to finally have a closeup picture of my great-grandfather William Wray Forgey. Now if I could only get some pictures of my Kappel great-grandparents and Del Castillo great-grandparents I would have a complete set. On Sunday I received an email that one of my picture requests at Find A Grave had been filled.



Interesting it was for the grave of great-grandfather William Wray Forgey's great-grandmother Poley (Polly) Wray's tombstone. She is buried at Granny White Cemetery in Lawrence County, IN. The tombstone seems to be the only source for her birth and death dates.



Looking at the picture, above, of my grandmother and Aunts the landscape around their house looks so stark. Thirty some years later I remember it looking so much different! That Palm Tree behind my Aunt Dorothy was probably about 100 ft tall. My grandfather had hoped that it would stay small. Well that did not turn out to be the case. The apricot tree, also in the picture, was huge and shaded the entire lawn when I remember it. I don't see the pomegranate shrubs which dominated the landscape in the front too. It's interesting to compare the landscape in the earlier picture to the one below taken in the 1960s. Look at the size of the Apricot tree and shrubs in the background.



As I've said before my grandfather Charles Forgey was an outdoors man. Loved to hunt and fish. You can see it in this photo of him with his guns (see below). He won marksmanship awards when he was in the US Marines. He liked to hang animal trophies in his house. I remember looking at Field and Stream magazine in my grandparents house, not really understanding what it was about lol. You can also see the ivy, in the same picture, which covered the backyard. I recall the exact location of the photo. I liked the ivy and thought it made the yard feel cooler in the summer. I also remember a huge mulberry tree in the backyard with a picknick table around it. The neighbors behind my grandparents kept small livestock which I enjoyed looking at from the back fence. I remember they had some beautiful pheasants.

It's nice to see the old pictures of family I remember, and others I would have like to have met. It's also fun to see the evolution of the landscape around my grandparents house. Looking at all the family pictures I can see the evolution of our family as a whole.





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GGGG Grandparents Nathan Browning and Obedience McPike







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Saturday, November 12, 2011

## Comparing Marker Matches so Far

**Comparisons so far** It sounds like the FT DNA lab was closed for Veterans' Day yesterday; so the rest of Mike's test results have not been posted (I am really anxious to see them!!!). We expect the rest of his results next week.

This is where we are so far. We have a completed test for Roger Forgey representing the Andrew Forgey and Margaret Reynolds line and we have two testers who share a most recent common in 1726 i.e. Samuel Forgey or Forgry. We have completed results for Darren. All three men are confirmed related through DNA testing so far. Roger and Darren share a genetic distance of 2. So they are confirmed to be related. It will be very interesting to see whether the two markers which separate both of them are shared by Mike Forgry? We will then have an idea of when those mutations occurred. After or before 1726? If they happened before then, Roger's line would have shared a common ancestor likely more than 100 year earlier. If the mutation occurred after 1726 they likely shared a common ancestor somewhere around the 1726 era.

It appears that Roger's line experienced fewer mutations in their DNA than Darren's and Mike's lines? I surmise this from the number of matches Roger had with the members of the Ferguson group. Ferguson does seem to be the root name for Forgey. Darren matched some of the same Ferguson group members at a genetic distance of 5. This would mean he is only possibly related to them unless, someone in his line tests closer (which would mean an extra mutation occurred recently).

Mike Forgry already has a mutation not shared by the others with only 12 markers tested. This mutation occurred after 1726. I am expecting the Fergusons who matched Roger and Darren to resurface again when the rest of Mike's test results come in.

I've copied all of the match results so far below. Actually Wayne Forgie is also only one marker off Mike at 12 markers (I guess FT DNA only lists those member matches with nearly exact name spellings in this category i.e. genetic distance 1. Forgie didn't register as a close spelling?).

Roger Forgey		Darren Forgey		Mike Forgey	
<b>12 MARKER - EXACT MATCH</b>		<b>4 MAT</b>	<b>12 MARKER - EXACT MATCH</b>	<b>4 MATCH(E</b>	<b>12 MARKER - EXACT MATCH</b>
Mr. Darren Edgar Forgey (Y37)			Roger Forgey (Y37)		Mr. Larry Laughlin (Y67)
Mr. Mark Middleton Melvin			Mr. Mark Middleton Melvin		Mr. Michael William Thorp
Mr. Wayne A. Forgie Jr. (Y37)			Mr. Wayne A. Forgie Jr. (Y37)		John Edwin Belton (Y67)
Mitchell Ray Martin (Y25)			Mitchell Ray Martin (Y25)		Leo Wilson Mitchell (Y37)
					Newton Douglas Walden (Y37)
					Mr. Jan Raymond Duke
<b>12 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 1</b>		<b>1 MATCH(ES)</b>	<b>12 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 1</b>	<b>12 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 1</b>	<b>2 MATCH(ES)</b>
Michael O'Dell Forgy **			Michael O'Dell Forgy **		Mr. Darren Edgar Forgey (Y37)
					Roger Forgey (Y37)

## Roger Forgey

## Darren Forgey

<b>25 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 1</b>		<b>8 MATCH</b>	<b>25 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 1</b>		<b>1 MATCH(ES)</b>
Mr. Darren Edgar Forgey (Y37)			Roger Forgey (Y37)		
Mr. Wayne A. Forgie Jr. (Y37)					
Gabriel Joseph Ferguson (Y37)					
Mr. Larry Laughlin (Y67)					
Stanley McIlrath (Y37)					
William Lewis Leigh Jr. (Y37)					
Frederick John Galbraith					
Michael O.'Neal Elder (Y111)					

## Roger Forgey

## Darren Forgey

<b>25 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 2</b>		<b>19 MATCH(ES)</b>	<b>25 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 2</b>		<b>9 MATCH(ES)</b>
Kenny Ferguson (Y37)			Mr. Wayne A. Forgie Jr. (Y37)		
Mr. Barry Ferguson (Y37)			Gabriel Joseph Ferguson (Y37)		
Mr. John David Ferguson (Y67)			Mr. Larry Laughlin (Y67)		
Mr. William P Laughlin (Y67)			Daniel Allen Piper		
Mr. David Edward Laughlin			Stanley McIlrath (Y37)		
John Richard Gelston (Y37)			William Lewis Leigh Jr. (Y37)		
Dr. David Malcolm Stitt (Y67)			Frederick John Galbraith		
Leo Wilson Mitchell (Y37)			Leo Wilson Mitchell (Y37)		
Jimme Robert Hernandez (Y37)			Michael O.'Neal Elder (Y111)		
Mitchell Ray Martin					
Mark Edward Gordon (Y37)					
Mr. Fred (ric) Duane Gordon (Y67)					
Charlie Wayne Stewart (Y67)					
George Robert Ferguson (Y67)					
George W. Stuart (Y67)					
Hugh L McArthur (Y111) (Family Finder)					
Jacob Lee Stewart Sr. (Y111)					
James Oliver Stewart (Y67)					
Justin Lee Stewart (Y111)					

## Roger Forgey

Darren Forgey had no matches here

37 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 3	10 MATCH(ES)
Mr. Wayne A. Forgie Jr.	!
Gabriel Joseph Ferguson	!
John Richard Gelston	!
William Lewis Leigh Jr.	!
George Robert Ferguson (Y67)	!
Charlie Wayne Stewart (Y67)	!
George W. Stuart (Y67)	!
Justin Lee Stewart (Y111)	!
Jacob Lee Stewart Sr. (Y111)	!
James Oliver Stewart (Y67)	!

Roger Forgey

Darren Forgry

37 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 4	11 MATCH(ES)
Kenny Ferguson	
Mr. John David Ferguson (Y67)	
Mr. Patrick Hugh Scanlon	
Scott Thomas Stuart	
Mr. Michael Henry (Y67)	
Stanley Mclirath	
Dr. David Malcolm Stitt (Y67)	
Hugh L. McArthur (Y111) (Family Finder)	
Jimme Robert Hernandez	
Mark Edward Gordon	
Mr. Fred (ric) Duane Gordon (Y67)	

37 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 4	4 MATCH(ES)
Mr. Larry Laughlin (Y67)	
Michael O.'Neal Elder (Y111)	
Mark Edward Gordon	
Mr. Fred (ric) Duane Gordon (Y67)	

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William Kappel anti aircraft gun battalion



William Kappel's Grave Netherlands American Cemetery

Remembering Veterans on Veterans Day 2011 We do honor the sacrifice of all veterans today. I especially honor my Great Uncle William Kappel, who was a member of the 462 Anti

Aircraft Gun Battalion. A few years ago I discovered that he was killed in Europe at the end of WWII. He was buried at the American Cemetery in the Netherlands. I have been unable to find out the circumstances of his death due a fire, and the loss of those records. When I asked my aunt if she knew anything about his service she said she thought he served in the South Pacific? I have verified that he was indeed buried in Europe, so I assume he was killed there. My father never really said nothing about his aunts and uncles; so I have only discovered most of my info about them through my own research.

The only thing I have been able to glean from my questioning of family and research is that William Kappel was one of the 11 children of my great-grand parents Frank Kappel and Mary Kurta. He was born in Cudahy, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 20 Sep 1915. He did marry, and was married when he was killed. Don't know if they had any children?

My father Robert Kapple was born in 1933. My aunt June said that one Christmas my father got a train set (my father did love trains, and came to California from Chicago, IL by train). She said that my Grandfather Rudolph and his Uncle William hogged the train set on Christmas morning, and my father was upset because he couldn't play with it. In retrospect is nice to know that Uncle William had fun that Christmas with my Dad's train set :).



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## What can DNA really prove?



**What can DNA really prove?** I've been mulling that over since receiving test results for another Forgey family line. I had read articles about DNA testing before actually becoming involved myself in August. I had a vague idea of how it would work, and what it would tell me. After two months experience working with results I am getting a much more realistic view of DNA testing for family history.

So far we seem to have a match between Roger Forgey representing the Andrew Forgey, TN, line, and Darren Forgry representing the Samuel Forgey, NC, line. Another person representing the John Forgey line in PA had tested earlier and was not a match. We have at least four other family members who are somewhere in the process of testing, and three others who have at

least preliminary results (with 25 markers in for Darren Forgy he is one marker off from Roger Forgy = Genetic distance 1).

What DNA has achieved for us so far:

1. It's confirmed that at least two Forgey lines are related which was impossible to do using traditional genealogy research. They apparently share a common ancestor in Ulster Ireland. We know from our research that the common ancestor link occurred before 1720, which is impossible to document with records.
2. It may have eliminated a relationship with the John Forgy line? Although it is possible that a non paternity event occurred. It is good practice to have more than one person per line test in case of this kind of event.
3. It has confirmed family tradition i.e. that the family was Scots-Irish.
4. The link between the name Forgey and the name Ferguson has been verified.
5. We have found more distant relations (Gilbert Ferguson, Kenneth Ferguson, George Robert Ferguson, John David Ferguson and Wayne Forgie).
6. A link between our Forgeys and Co. Down Ireland is confirmed. Wayne Forgie's family is from Co. Down.

So what can be expected when we get all of the results back.

- Comparison of complete sets of results will hopefully give us more data about relationships, and a time frame for the most recent shared ancestor
- A more precise Haplo group which will help confirm or refute a possible French origin or confirm the family had lived in Scotland for thousands of year
- Answer the question regarding whether all the early Forgey/Forgy's to settle in America were related or at least come close to answering that question

In conclusion, what DNA can do is tell you is whether you are related to someone at some point in time. It can't tell you exactly when. If you match someone else on every marker except 3 or 4 markers, on a 37 marker test, then you can be reasonably sure the common ancestor lived hundreds of years ago. I was thinking yesterday what if all the Forgeys match perfectly and I can't differentiate the family lines? I remembered that is where all of the research I've collected, and others have shared with me comes in. With 11 years of research on my family line and the DNA test results to back up my assumptions I believe I will have a very well documented accurate family tree when all is said and done.

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## Just when I thought I had it figured...a new clade?

Haplogroup: I-M284 - Clade: I-M284 - 18			
Gabriel Ferguson (Heather Curbow)	James FERGUSON (lived around Kilkerran, Dailly, Ayrshire b. ~ 1855)	William Angus D. FERGUSON b. ~1877, son of James, came to the USA from Scotland	<a href="#">View</a>
William Forgey	William FORGIE b. 1814 Down		<a href="#">View</a>

**The I- M284 subclade** I mentioned the subclade I- M284 associated with the British Isles in a previous post. I did not know it was a subclade of M223. I thought these two were totally separate. Below is a chart showing the relationship between the subclades. Roger was placed in the M223 clade by FT DNA. According to the Ferguson DNA project Roger's matches are in the subclade M284? Since there is a 99 percent probability that Roger is related to Wayne Forgie and Gabriel Ferguson at some point in time he must also share the British Isles clade. It sounds like one of the matches may have upgraded to a deep clade test. This is the way Ft DNA explains the test: "Family Tree DNA now offers its Y-DNA customers Deep Clade tests to

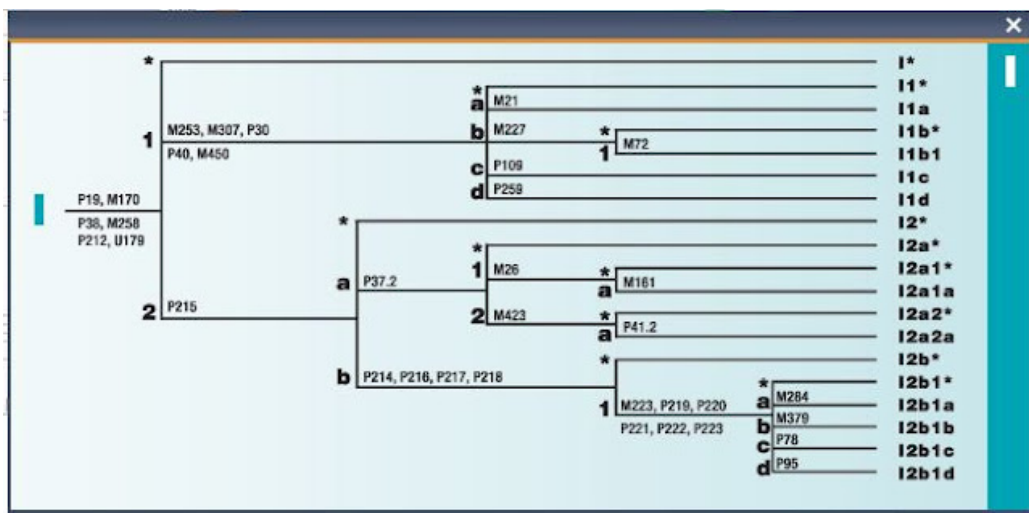


determine or confirm the exact subclade or branch of their haplogroup. " It's also possible that differences in 3 markers led to a more specific subclade assignment for one of the other matches? I will contact the Ferguson project and ask about the reason for the M284 subclade assignment?

According to Wikipedia: " I-M284, has been found almost exclusively among the population of **Great Britain**, which has been taken to suggest that the clade may have a very long history in that island". The Scottish branch of 284 might be 1,500 years old. So Roger's line may have been in Scotland for more than 1,500 years; and possibly as many as 3,000 years ago. So Roger's family may have descended from the ancient Pict population of Scotland.

The Forgeys do seem to match the description of others assigned to this subclade. The M284 subclade is strongly associated with western Scotland. "The Fergus(s)on in this group show a strong connection with Ayrshire and Dumfriesshire. Sir James Fergusson of Kilkeran wrote: "there is some evidence strongly suggesting that the south-western Fergussons, living in Ayrshire and Dumfriesshire, took their name from Fergus, Prince of Galloway, a much less shadowy personage, who was an important figure in the reigns of David I and Malcolm IV." By less shadowy he was refering to Fergus Mor and the attendant Dalriada genealogy."

My goal now is to find the exact subclade for the Forgey. I really need to verify the Ferguson groups conclusion.



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# Happy Halloween!

Aunt Grace Forgey

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## Put Yourself in the Picture



Great-Great Grandfather Hugh Forgey and I



**Photo editing software.** I've been playing with photo-editing software available for free online. Face in the Hole is fun. You can upload your own photo or use their template photos. I found some fun photos when I searched the site using the word "Victorian". I found the photo above which I used; and added my great-great grandfather Hugh Forgey and my picture to. I also uploaded a picture of my great grandmother Isis Browning-Forgey and her sister. I removed her sister's face and replaced it with my own. It's fun to play with this. You can snip a copy of your creation and edit it with free Picasa photo-editing software. The Halloween effects at Picnik are also fun to play with. Being a typical genealogist I

love cemeteries. The cemetery overlay at Picnik is a fun, spooky, effect to add to photos. You can get to Picnik through Picasa photo-editing.



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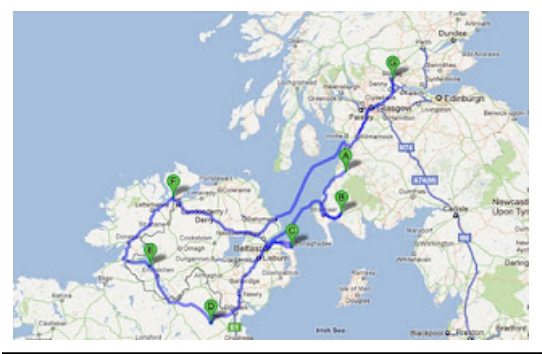
Thursday, October 20, 2011

# Tracking Down DNA Matches and Digging Deeper

37 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 2 2 MATCHES (3)		
Mr. Larry Laughlin (197)		
Michael O'Neal Elder (111)	Barnfoot, Co. Donegal, Ireland	Stirlingshire, Scotland
37 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 3 10 MATCHES (5)		
Mr. Wayne A. Forgey Jr.	Ards, Down, Ireland	Millisle and Grey Abbey Co. Down
Gabriel Joseph Ferguson	Kilkenny, Scotland	Ayrshire
John Richard Gordon	Whigtownshire, Scotland	
William Lewis Leigh Jr.		
George Robert Ferguson (197)	Annagh, Cavan, Ire	
Charles Wayne Stewart (197)		
George W. Stuart (197)		
Judith Lee Stewart (111)		
Jacob Lee Stewart Sr. (111)	Ulster, Ireland	
James Oliver Stewart (197)		
37 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 4 10 MATCHES (5)		
Mr. John David Ferguson (197)	Antrim, Ulster, Ireland	
Mr. Patrick Hugh Scanson		
Scott Thomas Stuart		
Mr. Michael Henry (197)	Antrim, Ireland	
Stanley McRath		
Dr. David Malcolm Dale (197)		
Hugh L. McArthur (111) (Family Finder)		
James Robert Hernandez		
Mark Edward Gordon	Scotland	
Mr. Fred (JC) Duane Gordon (197)		

**Tracking Down Matches** The newest match for Roger Forgey came in yesterday and was a 25 marker match with Kenneth Ferguson who had a genetic distance of 2. It seems like there is a match every week now. This is due to the efforts of the [The Ferguson DNA project](#) which seems to be growing tremendously. We are lucky to have a large project relating to our surname.

Above is a list of Roger Forgey's DNA matches. I decided to copy the image from FT DNA and add the places of origin for his matches. I got this info from emails sent to me by matches, and family histories posted at the Y Search DNA website. Several of the matches had no place of origin in the old country for their ancestors. A quick survey of the places does confirm our belief that the Forgeys were Scots Irish. All of the families, except a



Hernandez match, appear to be Scottish or Scots Irish. Also the Scottish matches have Southwest Scotland origins. These people settled Ulster in large numbers.

**Digging Deeper** The chart below is from the Ferguson DNA project which shows marker associations for I2b1 British Isles subclade. It seems that the Gabriel Joseph match and Wayne Forgie match share the markers most often found in those from Cavan and the Belfast area of Ulster.

Branch	DY5266	DY515	YCA1b	UK Ancestral Places
I	23	15	21	Dumfriesshire, Ayrshire
II	24	15	21	Cavan, Belfast
IS	23	16	20	Oxfordshire

There is an I2b1 study at FT DNA. You can see all of the participants and their countries of origin here <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/M223-Y-Clan/default.aspx?section=yresults> . The countries of origin for this Haplo group also confirm Scottish origins for Roger Forgey's line. Something which stands out is the prevalence of the I2b1 group in Germany. After doing some additional research I have come the conclusion that the early Forgeys might have migrated to Southwest Scotland from England. I believe the Forgeys were likely Anglo-Saxons or Norse. The Anglo-Saxons had invaded England in the 5th century A.D. Most experts agree that the I2b1 Haplo group mainly stem from two sources, Norse and Anglo Saxon invaders. About 200,000 Saxons invaded England. Southern Scotland was heavily populated by Anglo Saxons, French, and Flemish settlers. The Saxons took refuge in Scotland where they fled from the Norman invaders. With the I2b1 Haplo being more common in Saxony, Germany the most likely scenario is that the Forgeys were Anglo Saxons, with a more slight possibility that they were Norse. According to some the I2b1 haplo type originated in Saxony 9,000 years ago. As more research and DNA testing is completed we should be able to get a better idea of our Forgey family origins.

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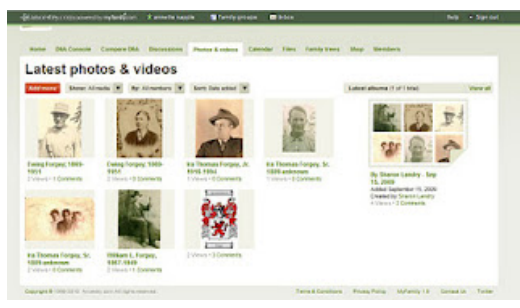
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# Ancestry.com's DNA Group Layout



### Comparing the FT DNA Group layout to Ancestry.com.

Ancestry.com has a more user friendly layout. It's more aesthetically interesting to look at. The ability to add photos make this site more interesting and accessible to non DNA geeks. It's a very basic site which makes it easier to use than FT DNA. You can compare results between members, add files, photos and videos. You don't have to have tested with ancestry.com to join a group. The cons are a smaller



database of individuals to compare with; as opposed to a larger database at FT DNA. Of course Ancestry.com's mission is much broader than FT DNA. They are not solely in the DNA testing business. This is reflected in the group layout at ancestry.com which is much less scientifically oriented, and more personal. FT DNA, with it's scientific orientation, provides many tools for advanced analysis of DNA results. The charts and statistical info are useful tools for in depth analysis. I think that FT DNA is best for large surname studies. The Ancestry.com group model is best for small family group studies.

A downside to FT DNA is that many people use it as a quick easy way to discover their family history. Some members have not done any traditional genealogy research. This makes finding a common ancestor with matches difficult. I find myself researching match's family histories in order to find the common ancestor. This can be time consuming and frustrating. I don't have any experience with matches at Ancestry.com but assume they have done some research using the databases at Ancestry? I have heard of people having successes using both sites. The most important thing is completing some research before testing, and hopefully having a someone else to test against in the database.

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## Are you curious about the group site layout at Family Tree DNA?



Forgey/Forgey - Member Information [Need help?](#) Forgey/Forgey

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Kit Number	Name	E-mail	Note	Release	Kit Back/Kit Mailed	Remove From Group
██████████	Mr. Charles Forgey	██████████		NO	9/12/2011	
██████████	Clinton R Forgey	██████████		NO	9/15/2011	
██████████	Michael O'Dell Forgey	██████████		NO	10/4/2011	
██████████	Roger Forgey	██████████		YES	8/9/2011	
██████████	Mr. Darren Edgar Forgey	██████████		YES	10/5/2011	

This is what the Member info page looks like

Our surname DNA Project is growing :)! Not quite as large as the Benjamin Franklin study but growing :) (by the way there is a wonderful website for that project <http://www.roperld.com/franklinbendna.htm>). Here are some pages from the group website at Family Tree DNA. There are some great tools for comparison of DNA results. FT DNA also offers webinars and other educational opportunities which are displayed at the home page. Test kits can be purchased from the group site at a discount. The only drawback to FT DNA's project groups is the fact that you have to buy a test in order to join. Ancestry's DNA groups allow anyone to join whether or not you purchase a test through them.

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**Project Administrator News**

**9/27/2011**  
IMPORTANT: On October 5th we will be closing the registration to the 7th International Conference for Group administrators. We have only 7 spaces available. If you are thinking of registering, please don't leave it to the last minute.

**9/20/2011**  
Interested in learning more about GAP 2.0 and managing your project?? We're sponsoring a free webinar, "Introduction to GAP 2.0 & Managing Your Family Tree DNA Project". Space is limited so make sure register in advance to secure a spot at one of these live sessions:  
Session 1: Wednesday Sept. 21 @ 8pm Eastern (5pm Pacific)  
Click here to register for Session 1: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/457674510>  
Session 2: Thursday, Sept. 22 @ 1pm Eastern (10am Pacific)  
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**Release Notes**

10/4/2011  
1. Removed and outdated note from the public website settings page on a GAP.

09/27/2011  
1. Added Y-DNA 111 test to the Project Statistics member report.

09/20/2011  
1. Added Y-DNA 111 Options for GAP E-mail Notifications.

09/13/2011  
1. Resolved issue of carbon copy not going to admin when sending test email.  
2. Add Status frame and supporting option to turn it on and off.  
3. Email address was not updating when a GAP would change their email address from contact settings. This issue was resolved.

This is the Homepage with News and links

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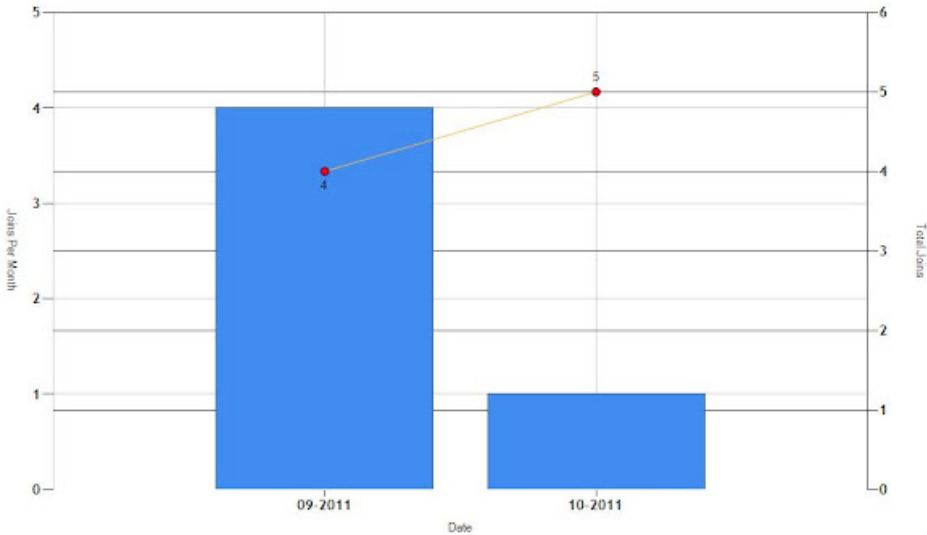
This is a list of the links to helpful info and charts for comparison of results

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424x25	Not Available	\$114.00	Not on sale
424x25	Not Available	\$124.00	Not on sale
424x25-4824x	Not Available	\$180.00	Not on sale
Comprehensive Genome	\$637.00	\$707.00	Not on sale
Family Finder	\$280.00	\$280.00	Not on sale
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Project Joins



An example of a chart. This is a chart showing project joins statistics.

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# AK'S Genealogy Research

I am using this blog to record my genealogy research progress. My research at this point is concentrated in Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania records. Since many of my ancestors ended up in the Midwest and West my research sometimes takes me in that direction. I also research Irish records.

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Tuesday, September 27, 2011

## The Adoption of Fixed Surnames & DNA



I was a little confused by the DNA matches for Roger Forgey. Most of the matches didn't share the same surname?? You would expect to find only same surname matches given the fact that the Y chromosome is only passed from fathers to sons. Well after doing some research at Family Tree DNA and elsewhere I found that these matches indicate a relationship before fixed surnames were adopted.

Not being clear about when surnames were first adopted I did some research. It seems that before 1350 many common people did not have fixed inherited surnames. The aristocracy was the first group to adopt surnames. Taxation made more precise identification necessary and was a catalyst for the development of surnames. The growth of the military and civil bureaucracy led to the standardization of surnames.

A few of the non Forgey surname matches were only two or three markers off at 37 markers.



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This leads me to believe that the Forgeys adopted a fixed surname relatively late. The lowlands Scots, as the Forgeys were, tended to adopt fixed surnames later than those in Southern England. They may have adopted a fixed surname in the 1400 or 1500's or even later. The first appearance of the name Ferguson (the root name of Forgey in Scotland) seems to have been on a 1466 land record (the 15th century seems to be when Ferguson was first adopted). This record transferred land from John Ferguson to his son. Ferguson appears to be a patronymic name referring to men who were sons of a Fergus. Previous to the adoption of the surname Ferguson they were referred to only as "sons of Fergus."

In the past people changed surnames for various reasons, and early names were not always carried down in families. An example apprentices sometimes took their masters surnames. Many of the earliest surnames were not inherited by descendants and died out.

I think previous family researchers miscalculated the date of the adoption of our family name. Some felt that the Forgies came from Normandy with William the Conqueror in 1066, and the name dated from that time period. This seems unlikely. Most of those who came with William the Conqueror had surnames which

related to the place they came from in France, and were preceded by "de" meaning "of". I have not found any references to de Forgies in western Scotland. Most experts on the subject agree Forgey is a variant of the surname Ferguson. As a matter of fact a couple of Fergusons were close DNA matches. So I tend to agree that at least in our line the name derives from Ferguson. It is likely that there are other origins for this surname in other places. Our family origins seemed to be rooted in Scotland; which is supported by the DNA testing. There may also be a French origin of the name? The William Forgey line which settled in Allegheny County, PA in the late 18th Century claimed French ancestry. This illustrates the difficulty which arises when trying to trace someone based solely on their surname. Surnames change over time. Similar surnames may be used in several countries. So sharing a surname does not represent proof of a blood relationship.

37 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 2	2 MATCH(ES)
Mr. Larry Laughlin (Y67)	
Michael O'Neal Elder (Y111)	
37 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 3	8 MATCH(ES)
John Richard Gelston	
William Lewis Leigh Jr.	
George Robert Ferguson (Y67)	
Charlie Wayne Stewart (Y67)	
George W. Stuart (Y67)	
Justin Lee Stewart (Y67)	
Jacob Lee Stewart Sr. (Y111)	
James Oliver Stewart (Y67)	
37 MARKER - GENETIC DISTANCE - 4	10 MATCH(ES)
Mr. John David Ferguson (Y67)	
Mr. Patrick Hugh Scanlon	
Scott Thomas Stuart	
Mr. Michael Henry (Y67)	
Stanley McIlraith	
Dr. David Malcolm Stitt (Y67)	
Hugh L McArthur (Y111) (Family Finder)	
Jimme Robert Hernandez	
Mark Edward Gordon	
Mr. Fred (Jic) Duane Gordon (Y67)	

Again, the name "Ferguson," in addition to several variations in spelling, is found under the following forms:—

Faraday,	in Lusk District.
Fergy,	" do. do.
Fergy,	" Greyabbey District [N. T. Ards Union].
Fergy,	" Ballymoney Union.
Fergy,	" Portrush and Warrenpoint Districts.
Herguson,	" Lusk District.
Vargus,	" Broadway District [Wexford Union].

Varieties and synonyms of surnames and Christian names in Ireland

JOHN F. FORGEY.—This gentleman has passed thirty-one years of his life in Montana and has been one of the active, aggressive workers who have contributed materially to the march of definite civilization and in founding the commonwealth. He was born in Allegheny City, Pa., on June 8, 1853, the son of Samuel Forgey, who was born in the adjoining city of Pittsburg in 1818. He was a carpenter and builder and followed his trade for many years in Pennsylvania, removing to Nebraska when his son John was a child, and there turned his attention to farming, in connection with work at his trade, until his advanced years prompted his retirement from active business. He is now living at Irvington, near Omaha, having attained the venerable age of more than four-score years, as has also his cherished and devoted wife, who has been a true companion and helpmeet for a full half century. Her maiden name was Mary Hill, and she was born at Sharpsburg, Pa., in 1819. He is of French lineage and she of good Pennsylvania Dutch stock.

John F. Forgey attended the public schools of Florence, Neb., until he reached the age of sixteen, and he continued to assist in the operations

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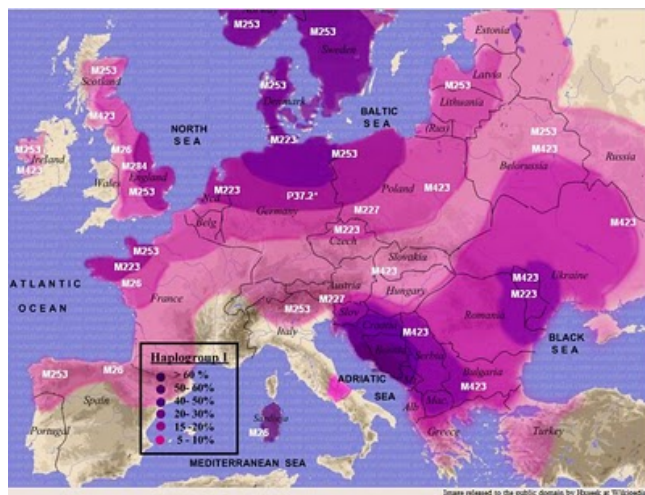

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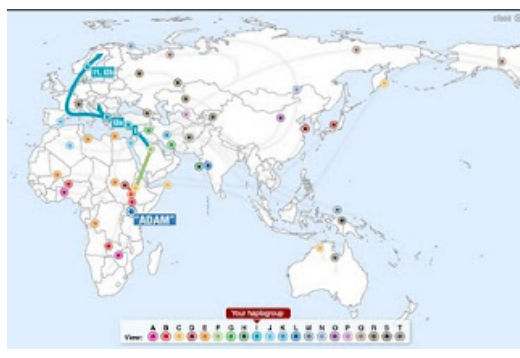
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## Journey of Man: The Genetic Journey of the Forgeys/Forgy & Forgies



The only Forgey marker we have so far is M223 (click to enlarge map)

We now have the predicted Haplo type for Roger Forgey and Wayne Forgie's lines. It's haplo group I2b1, M223. This is what wikipedia has to say about it: "Former I2b1 in the Y2010 tree. I2a2a (M223) has a peak in Germany and another in eastern Sweden, but also appears in Russia, Greece, Italy and around the Black Sea.[21] Haplogroup I2a2a has been found in over 4% of the population only in Germany,



the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, England (not including Wales or Cornwall), Scotland, and the southern tips of Sweden and Norway in Northwest Europe; the provinces of Normandy, Maine, Anjou, and Perche in northwestern France; the province of Provence in southeastern France; the regions of Tuscany, Umbria, and Latium in Italy; and Moldavia and the area around Russia's Ryazan Oblast and Republic of Mordovia in Eastern Europe. Of historical note, both haplogroups I1 and I2b appear at a low frequency in the historical regions of Bithynia and Galatia in Turkey, possibly descendants of the Varangians, who are historically recorded to have invaded those parts of Anatolia from the 9th to 11th centuries."

The I2b sub group, called Isles, is found almost exclusively in the British Isles with a heavy concentration in Scotland.

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The marker 223 also is interesting. "The founder of this marker lived somewhere in the northwestern regions of the European continent, perhaps even in what seems a very unlikely place: the bed of what is now the North Sea." This place is now referred to as Doggerland by scientists. As stated previously it's now located in the North Sea. Here is a description "...Doggerland would have covered an area about the size of



England, a tundra landscape across which vast herds of reindeer and horses plodded, where salmon spawned in its prolific rivers. As the climate warmed, oak woodland colonized the valleys and hills. Red deer, roe deer and wild pig replaced the barren-ground reindeer. It remained an ideal hunting ground....+ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~robert/TheFirstPeople.htm> One of my all time favorite TV programs is the *Journey of Man* which I embedded below (to see all of the parts just click the the Youtube link). I think this show helps put the Forgey DNA results into context.

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## Y DNA12 Markers and 25 to GO!

<a href="#">Compare</a>	User ID	Pedigree	Last Name	Ancestor	Origin	Haplogroup	Tested With
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">3UV5U</a>		Forge	Forge	County Down, Ulster, Ireland	Unknown	Genographic Project
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">84GA6</a>		Forgy	Forgy	Iowa, USA	Unknown	Family Tree DNA

We received Roger Forgey's 12 marker test results last Friday (still waiting for the last 25 markers). He was a perfect 12 of 12 match with someone currently using the Forgey variant spelling of the name. At the 12 marker stage if you match with a person with the same surname or variant then you are considered to be related. This person originally tested as a part of the Genographic Project sponsored by the National Geographic Society. He is currently upgrading his 12 marker test and testing with Family Tree DNA. It's puzzling that there is no match with the Forgys (Iowa, USA) who also first settled in Cumberland County, PA like my family. Since only one person tested it is possible that a non paternity event occurred and more testing needs to be done? A test is in the works right now for my Uncle Charles Forgey.

Oddly there were also two other matches with men with different surnames. If these results hold up at 37 markers we will have to compare notes to see where we may be related?

The Forgey match would mean that our family descends from the Forgey/ Forgies of Co. Down Ireland. The shared ancestor would have been many generations ago since my Forgey family came to this Country about 1767 and our match's family came much later about 1870. I had some suspicions that the family had descended from the Co. Down Forgey/Forgey line. It looked like a migration from Down to Armagh took place. It did not look like the Forgey family was in the Armagh area very long. I couldn't find any burial records, births, marriages or deaths there. It looks like the family resided there briefly in the 1760's just before emigrating.

According to a report by Robert E. Matheson, Registrar General 1901, the spelling Forgey was common in Warren Point, Co. Down. We believe my ancestor Andrew Forgey is listed on the 1766 Religious Census for Ireland. He seems to be listed in Creggan Parish, Armagh along with his father-in-law Hugh Reynolds. This area being only 12 miles from Warren Point Co.

Down; so it seems like there may be some relationship? A James Forgy also listed on that Census did not emigrate to America. I do wonder if some of his descendants settled in Warren Point Co. Down?

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Forgey,	"	do.	do.
Fergie,	"	Greyabbey District (N.T. Ards Union).	
Forgey,	"	Ballymoney Union.	
Forgey,	"	Portrush and Warrenpoint Districts.	
Hergerson,	"	Lusk District.	
Vargis,	"	Bannow District (Wexford Union).	
Vargus,	"	Broadway "	"

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The ancestors of our match lived in Millisle, Parish Donaghadee, Co. Down. This area is on the Ards Peninsula. We really don't know how many Forgey/ Forgey families settled on the Ards Peninsula; but we might assume from the numbers of people with the surname in public records it wasn't many. The earliest Forgey/ Forgies were brought over from Scotland to Ards by Sir Hugh Montgomery, who was part of a private plantation scheme which aimed to plant the area with Protestant Scottish settlers. Gregory Livingstone found a Forgey on a 1606 Rent Roll, which would be the earliest appearance of the name in Irish records. Gregory also gave me this info " *mentioned in the Montgomery manuscripts, they came in 1603, with Sir Hugh and helped build the harbour and town of Donaghadee, simply list of surnames of individuals. A James Forgey is mentioned as living in Ballyrolly 1616, a townland 1/2 mile from Millisle.*" We note here the same place names as mentioned by our match's family. Due to heavy record losses it's nearly impossible to trace a family back to the 1600's so we can only guess that our family may have descended from these early Forgeys.

Denominations of Lands.	Old Tenants' Names.	Rents Paid in 1688.	Present Tenants' Names, and Rents to be Paid for 1688, 1690, and 1691.	Rents Payable for 1692.
<b>TONOCHNEIVE PARISH, &amp;c.</b>				
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Clontinglar	Adam McGrea	14 0 0	James Byers, &c. .. 5 10 0	7 0 0
Half Liswine	Capt. Gawn Hamilton	85 0 0	.. .. 42 10 0	42 10 0
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	R. Ross	16 0 0	.. .. 16 0 0	8 0 0
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	The Mill	14 0 0	.. .. 0 3 0	1 0 0
Ballydian	Mr. Fairly	0 1 0	.. .. 1 10 0	1 10 0
Lisadalgan	Mr. Hutchison	12 0 0	Arthur Hamilton .. 3 0 0 Robt. Tod .. 2 10 0 Wm. Johnson .. 3 0 0 Jno. Thompson .. 0 8 0 Nath. Forgy .. 24 0 0	4 0 0 1 5 0 1 10 0 1 3 0 12 0 0
	Andrew Bernet	8 0 0	.. .. 20 0 0	20 0 0
Lishuman	Archd. McDowell	24 0 0	.. .. 20 0 0	20 0 0
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Nathaniel Forgy Rent Roll 1690's Ards Co. Down, Ire





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## The Forgeys and Slavery

25		Samuel 34	M	W	Working on Farm	Tennessee
		Nannie 30	F	W		Virginia
26	155	Forgey Thomas 40	M	B	Blacksmith	Tennessee
27		Forgey H 38	F	B	Keeping House	Tennessee
28		Alice 17	F	B		Tennessee
29		Martha 16	F	B		Tennessee
30		Priscilla 14	F	B		Tennessee
31		Samuel 13	F	B		Tennessee
32		Margaret 12	F	B		Tennessee
33		Joseph 11	M	B		Tennessee
34		John 3	M	B		Tennessee
35		Josephine 1	F	B		Tennessee
36		Charles Joseph 14	M	B		Tennessee

Former Forgey Slaves

I remember back when Helen Irene Forgey visited our family in the early 1990s and told our family about our origins. When she said the family was originally from Tennessee I was quite surprised. I wondered whether the family had anything to do with slavery? It looks like only one of my direct ancestors owned a slave, namely Andrew Forgey born in Ireland. His slave was listed on Andrew's Will and his name was Bacchus. He was Willed to sons Andrew and Hugh Forgey to share.

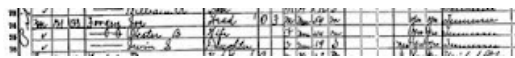
Andrew's son James, and his line, were the largest slave holders in the Forgey family. Although they would have been considered small slave holders. The slaves consisted mainly of single family groups. The Census describes two former Forgey slaves as Mulatto, so I wonder if they might have Forgey blood? There was also a mulatto boy?

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State". According to this account: "The lot of the Tennessee slave was perhaps less unfortunate than that of many of his brethren. Tennessee's slave code guaranteed the Negro shelter, food, clothing, and medical attention. It protected him when he ceased to be useful, gave him the right to contract for his freedom, and in 1835 granted him the right of trial by jury - a privilege accorded to slaves in only four other States."

Don't know what happened to the former slaves who took the name Forgey? Don't know whether any descendants still carry the name Forgey? Joe Forgey's family seemed to be the only remaining African American family in the area in 1920 (Joseph and Margaret were names handed down in that family. James Forgey's slaves, husband and wife, were Joseph and Margaret).



Joe Forgey Family Mulatto 1920 US Census Knox County, TN

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## Andrew and the 2 Alexanders



Elizabeth Sawyers Forgey, fourth  
child of Col. John Sawyers.



William Alexander Forgey, son of  
Elizabeth Sawyers Forgey.

Mystery still not solved. I've tried all of the traditional records but still no definitive relationship between these men found? My assumption has been that Alexander Forgey of Washington County, Virginia is the father of both Alexander and Andrew of Knox County, Tennessee (Alexander Forgey later migrated to Tippecanoe, IN, and Andrew to Maury County, TN).

**Here are some reasons why I think Alexander and Andrew are closely related and may have been**

**brothers.** Both Alexander and Andrew purchased land from James Forgey (apparently a relative) on the same day in 1801. They apparently each bought half of James's 500 acre land grant. Alexander Forgey married Elizabeth Sawyers in Knox County, TN in 1805.

Andrew and Alexander both witnessed a Sawyer's family document. The document they witnessed is Hannah Sawyers Will dated 27 December 1806. Apparently she was a sister-in-

Fulton, Thos. Stevenson, Thos. Baird. Proved, 18th November, 1783, by Baird and Stevenson. Executors qualify.

Page 323.—18th January, 1782. James Sawyers' will, "in middle of my age"—To dearly and well-beloved Hannah Sawyers, wife; to children, until youngest is 18; to son Thomas, son David, son Geo. Washington; to daughter Ann, daughter Rebeckah (a negro slave, said slave is to attend Mrs. Archer during her life; to daughter Martha, daughter Rachel; to father, negro Nelson to wait on him his lifetime; to sister, Rebecca. Executors, Col. Geo. Mathes, Wm. Crawford, wife, Jno. Sawyers, David McNare. Teste: Sampson Sawyers, Ann Renick, Wm. Crawford, Daniel McNare. Codicil, 9th September, 1783. Teste: Daniel and David McNare. Proved, 18th November, 1783, by Sawyers, Renick, McNare. Widow Hannah, Wm. Crawford, Daniel McNare qualify.

Page 378.—18th November, 1783. John Ramsey's estate appraised by John Black, Wm. Gillespy, Wm. Finley, Thos. Tourk.

Page 380.—29th July, 1783. Jacob Van Lear's will.—To wife, Margaret; to son, Jacob, all lands; to son, John, £15; to daughter, Garry Robinson, 50 shillings; to daughter, Isabel Abney, 50 shillings. Executors, Jacob Van

law of John Sawyers, Elizabeth's father. Andrew also was an executor for another Sawyers. He was the administrator of Betsy Sawyers Will in 1818 Maury County, TN.

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 Alexander Forgry  
 Andrew Forgry  
 Nancy Sawyers

**Here is why I think Alexander Forgey might be the father of these two men.** It is assumed that Alexander living in Washington County in the late 18th century is a brother of Andrew of Hawkins County, TN. He may be the same man who is listed with Andrew Forgey in Cumberland County, PA in the early 1770's. If so he would have been old enough to be Andrew and the younger Alexander Forgey's father. We know Alexander Forgey of Washington County, Va was an adult in 1783 when he appeared on a taxlist. Only those over 21 were listed. We know Andrew Forgey was over 45 as listed on the 1820 Census Maury County, TN. So he was born before 1775. There is disagreement as to where he was born. A great grandson stated Ireland in a County Biography sketch. A son said Pennsylvania on the 1880 Census. Another son stated he was born in Maryland on the 1880 Census. These birthplaces given on the Census's seem to echo their mother's birthplaces, and is likely not accurate. However Pennsylvania would make sense if this were Alexander's son because we know he lived there in the 1770's, at the time when Andrew was born. Unfortunately since Andrew died in the early 1820's we do not have a Census entry with his birthplace.

James G. Forgey, an  
 industrious farmer and enterprising citizen of Mississippi County,  
 Mo., was born in that county, August 9, 1858. His parents, Robert B.  
 and Comfort (Eleazer) Forgey, were natives of Middle Tennessee. His  
 paternal grandparents immigrated from Ireland, and settled in  
 Tennessee, where they spent the rest of their lives. Robert B. Forgey

James G. Forgey great-grandson of Andrew Forgey states he was born in Ireland and so were his grandparents?

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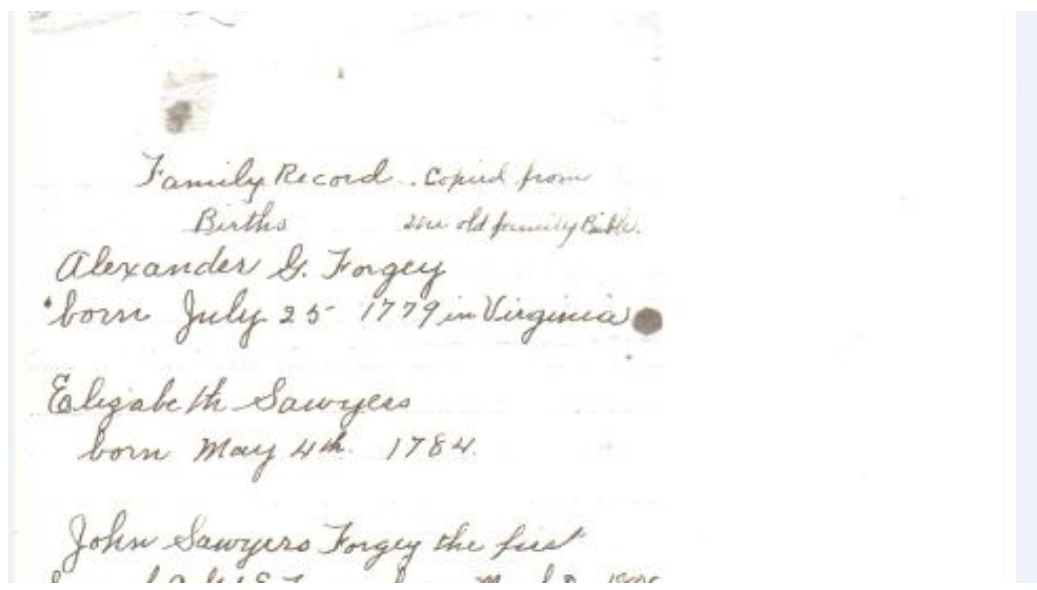
John H. Forgey, Andrew's son, stated he was born in Pennsylvania along with his mother

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Andrew's son Samuel Scott Forgey 1880 Census says he was born in Maryland,

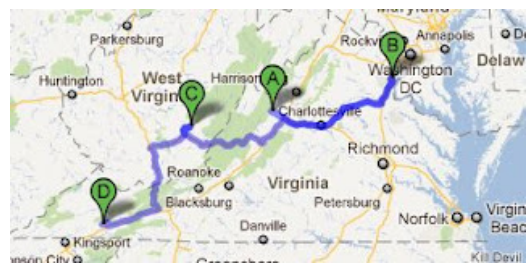
We do however have a Census birthplace entry for Alexander Forgey which states he was born in Virginia. There seems to be universal agreement regarding his birthplace. The family bible also states he was born 1779 in Virginia. All of the entries I have found for his children seem to agree. It is known that the likely brother of Alexander Senoir, Andrew, was in Virginia in 1779 according to a court case in Washington County, VA.

1676	Alexander G. Forgy	71 M	"	1500	Ad
	Elizabeth	66 F			Senior
	Joshua M	24 M			"
	Thomas C	20 M			"



Family Bible entry for Alexander Forgy

So we have a definite link between the Junior Alexander and Virginia. If he wasn't born there he certainly had a memory of living there early in his childhood. There were other Forgeys living in Virginia in the 1700s. Robert Forgy of Dumfries was the earliest. This family generally used the Forgie spelling. Daniel seemed to be the only surviving son of Robert. There was



also a Joseph Forgay named in a Will in Augusta County, VA. The Sawyers family lived in Augusta County, VA. Don't know if there is any connection? Could not find any other references to Forgeys in Augusta County, only a single reference. Hugh Forgy who later settled in Kentucky was married in Greenbier, VA in 1786. With very few records for these areas before 1800 it is difficult to establish who the father of Alexander and Andrew was. Based on proximity and interactions between these men and the Hawkins County, Tennessee line, I still lean in that direction.

deed and settlement with James Brent.  
 Bundle marked "Deeds not fully proved," County Court, 1710.—Carter, Peter Randolph, and Munford Beverley, agreement,  
 Bundle of old papers unmarked, County Court.—Sarah, wife of Ezekiel Gilliam. Margaret, wife of Samuel Davidson. Ann, wife of — Barnet. Rebecca, wife of Joseph Forgay. Ruth, wife of John Davidson. Mary, wife of — McKnight. Rachel, wife of — McKnight.  
 Bundle of old papers unmarked, County Court.—John Alor and Mary, of Alethorp County, Georgia. John Hannan and Barbara, of Wilkes County, Georgia. Henry Pass (Pass) and Catharine, of Wilkes County, Georgia.

Reference to a Joseph Forgay in Augusta County, VA don't know the year?

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### Virginia Tithables and Age

1759-1780 All white males 16 and over  
1781-1786 Only heads of households  
1787 All 16 and over with those under 21 so noted  
1788-1799 All 16 and over, minors not noted

1793 and would not have been noted. Alexander also would not appear in the 1795 list either because he turned sixteen a few months after the April taxes were collected. I was not able to establish any connections between all these men using the taxlists. Alexander sold his property in 1795 and does not appear on the taxlists again. It is unknown what happened to him after the sale of his property. Hopefully something will surface to clear all this up.

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1794 Taxlist Alexander Forgey

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Friday, August 19, 2011

## How the Forgeys earned their Bread



Cecil Clair Forgey's Store in Freetown, IN

The occupations of the Forgeys reflect the era they lived in. The earliest Forgeys to settle America were generally farmers; a typical occupation for that era. Early America was a nation of Farmers and cheap land attracted those engaged in this pursuit in the old world. Many Forgey families owned large tracts of land. Some of these purchases can be found at the BLM site. According to wikipedia in 1870 70-80 percent of the population was involved in agriculture.

The Forgeys Scots-Irish heritage can be seen in the occupations of the Forgey immigrant generation. The Scots-Irish in Ireland were often associated with the textile trade. Robert Forgry of PA was a weaver by trade. William Forgry also an immigrant to PA was a Tailor. Whiskey making was another skill which the Scots Irish brought to America with them. Andrew Forgey was convicted of selling liquor without a license and above the rates in late 18th Century Virginia. The Forgey's supplemented their farming income in fields such as Whiskey making, Blacksmithing and Tanning. Such jobs were often a sideline to farming. It looks like Archibald Forgey of Scott County, VA did blacksmith's work. My ancestor Hugh Forgey of Jackson County, IN worked as a Tanner.



By the 1880's a shift was occurring which can be seen when studying Forgey Census records. There is a gradual shift from farming to other modern occupations. Some of the earliest alternative occupations can be found in the mining industry such as coal and metals mining. James Forgey was a quartz miner at the Saw-Tooth Mining company in Idaho. My ancestor Andrew Forgey's sons Clark and Elisha migrated to Colorado where mining was the primary source of employment. Clark worked as a Teamster and his mother cooked for the miners.



New forms of transportation also led to new job types. Frank Forgey of Craighead Arkansas worked as a fireman on a Locomotive in 1900, and by 1920 he worked his way up to engineer. James Forgey of Hamblen Tennessee either owned or worked at an auto dealership in the 1930's.

New technology led to many new job categories. The phonograph led to an increase in the number of music stores. Harland Forgey of Hamblen, Tennessee either owned or was employed by a music store in 1920. James Forgey of Hawkins County, TN line seems to have been the most prosperous. James had invested in land early on. He owned large tracts of land. His descendants inherited much of the land and parlayed the profits into other investments. Some of the profits were used for education. So this line of the Forgey family was able to take advantage of opportunities available to those with an education. According to the 1880 Census James R. Forgey was a Stock Trader. By 1900 he is listed as Bank President.

The propensity towards litigation in this country also resulted in a large legal bureaucracy. James Forgey of Iowa became a lawyer but was later imprisoned for larceny. Several Forgey were Justices of the Peace; one of which was Archibald Forgey of Scott County, VA. The booming consumer culture of the early 20th Century led to an increase in the number of merchants. Many Forgey family members were employed as salesmen. A few also were entrepreneurs opening shops of their own. My great uncle Cecil Clair Forgey ran a small store in Freetown, Indiana.





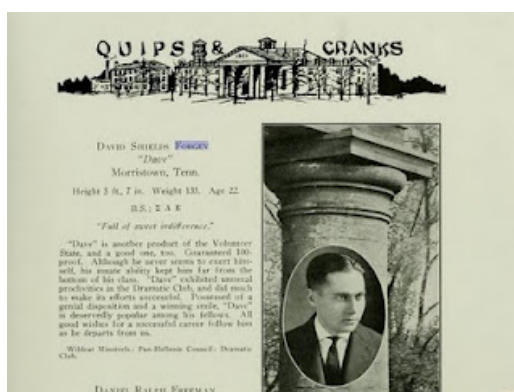
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## The Rise of Peer Culture

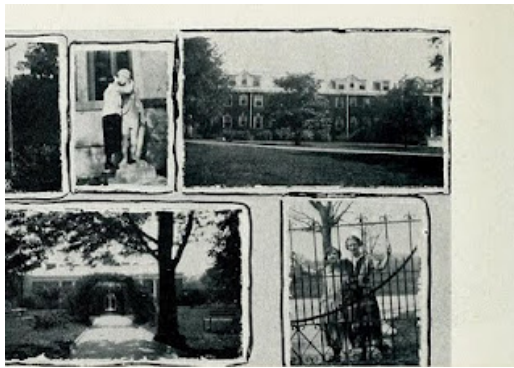


Popular among his peers David Shields Forgy belonged to the Pan-hellenic Council, Sigma Alpha-Epsilon, The Eddies, Mcallie Club, Tennessee Club

Searching for the descendants of James Forgy I found yearbooks from the early 20th century with entries for two of his descendants. Looking through these brought to mind my study of the rise of peer culture during this era. I think that subject is fascinating. The move from the Victorian era to the modern era can be seen when you look at early twentieth century yearbooks.

Victorian society was very strict and rigid. The parents of Louise Taylor Forgey and David Forgey were brought up in a different world. A place where children were expected to remain silent and assist the family on the farm when needed. Extreme modesty in dress was stressed for women. These rigid standards caused the next generation to seek liberation.

The middle classes, like David and Louise's family, and upper classes were the first to embrace the new modern ethos of this peer culture society. The parents of David and Louise may have embraced or at least were aware of the new child rearing techniques being advocated in books. Children at this time became centers of attention for families, whereas, before daily tasks for survival were the focus of family energy. Families were freed from time consuming daily tasks by new



labor saving devices. Now the nurturing, emotional and intellectual growth of children could become the focus of families. Child development became a popular field of study, opposing theories were debated in the press. It was felt by some that mothers were becoming too indulgent and permissive. Although some of the new theorists felt rigid structure stifled the creative development of children. The progressive educational movement popular when David and Louise were children also stressed encouragement of creativity in children as opposed to rote learning.

These products of the new child rearing techniques were given freedom from responsibility for a much longer time than earlier generations. Middle class teenagers did not have to help provide for the family anymore. A growing number of high schools and colleges in the early 20th century allowed them to continue their education, and as a result they spent more time with peers than family.

The more lax upbringing of these children is reflected in the later behavior of these individuals. Previous dress codes became more and more lax along with moral standards. Teenagers and young adults wanting to assert their independence tried to set themselves apart from their parents generation by adopting fads and new dress styles. A culture of conformity also sprang up. To be considered a part of the peer group you had to fit in and conform to their culture. Fitting in meant joining clubs in school.

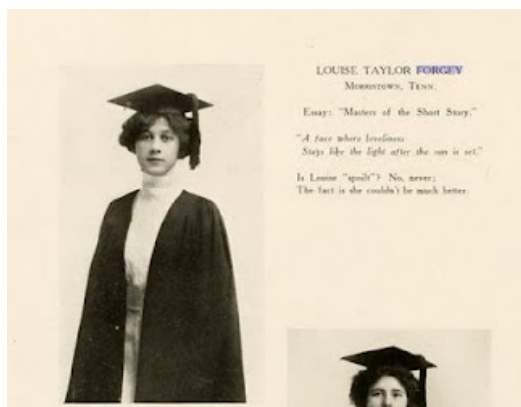


Louise Forgey and brother David were club joiners. Louise is pictured here as a member of the Kodak Club.

Athletics became a way to achieve status on campus.

Peer culture sometimes led to irresponsible behavior. As a counter to this YMCA and YWCA clubs were formed.

The peer culture of teenagers and young adults did help prepare them for the modern business world where networking became important to success. (It's nice too be able to put my research into a family perspective.)



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Friday, August 5, 2011

## 52 Weeks of Personal Genealogy & History - Grandparents' House



My Forgey grandparents purchased the family home and 2 acres of property in about 1939. It was located at 248 4th avenue in La Puente, California (by the way another unrelated Forgey family lived on 4th Street in the same town, which led to confusion with their mail lol). My grandfather Charles Forgey, as stated in the 1930 Census, worked as a carpenter after leaving the Marines. He built the first family home in La Cresenta, California. The family lost that house during the Depression.



They rented homes in Glendale

California until they saved enough to buy a home and some property. My grandfather used his carpentry skills to fix up the little old farmhouse they bought. He added two rooms on basically by himself; but hired an electrician for the wiring.

By the time I was born in 1963 my grandparents had been living in that house about 24 years; and the house was filled with mementos and memories. My grandfather was born and raised on a farm in Indiana and had a green thumb. The family had a little truck style farm there on 4th avenue for many years. They also kept some small livestock such as chickens and goats. I fondly recall the fruit trees my grandfather planted on the property. I remember visiting there in the Summer and eating tons of mulberries, plums and apricots. The fruit was delicious and much tastier than you can find in the supermarket.

I remember the old timey kitchen with it's red checked curtains and old concrete or granite counter tops. The family always ate at the antique oak table in the kitchen. My grandmother, Graciela, was a great cook and loved to cook; so spent many hours in that kitchen. She also loved people too, and invited many friends over for meals.

I also recall the old bathroom with it's old fixtures. The one bathroom was fairly roomy for a small house with a large claw foot tub.

My grandfather was a hunter and fisherman. He devoted a whole room to memorabilia connected with these pursuits. He hung animal heads on the walls and stuffed birds. I also remember his gun cabinet. I would sometimes take a nap in that room when I was a baby lol. Something that really stands out in my mind when I think of the house is all of the family pictures my grandmother loved to display. I was told that my grandparents had a picture of their baby daughter Isis Forgey taken after she died. I was a little afraid of coming upon that picture. I don't think they ever displayed that one? Most of the pictures were of the many grandchildren. I loved seeing my own picture which was one of the largest on display. My father would always say who is that monkey on the wall :).



My Picture from my Grandparents house



Another prominent picture in the house that fascinated me was a picture of my great-grandmother Isis Forgey which hung in the living room. I always admired it. Just a couple of weeks ago one of my cousins was cleaning out her garage and found the large framed picture. She asked if I wanted it which of course I did and I am thrilled to have it. The house remained in the family until about 1978. When the property was sold the house was torn down. At least I still have the pictures and fond memories.



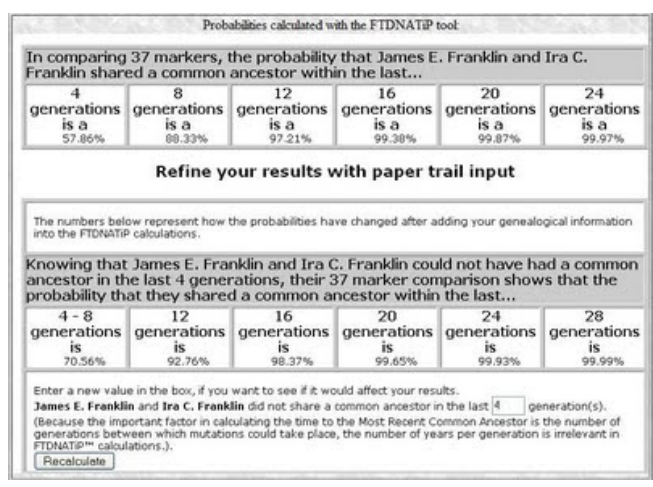
My Great-Grandmother's picture (Isis Browning-Forgey) from my grandparents' house

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## DNA and the Percentages



I've been looking at the [database](#) set up for the descendants of Benjamin Franklin. Of course they were able to construct a massive DNA project. Looking at this site has helped me understand what DNA can do for family historians. The chart (see above) with the predicted relationship percentages was especially helpful. Now I can see you can predict relationships 24 or more generations back, and also look at more recent generations. I did notice that mutations did not happen frequently.

It would be nice to have a known relative of James Forgey or Andrew Forgey tested. I have been trying again to find descendants. This is what I came up with.

James Forgey born 1766 Ireland had one son James R. Forgey

James R. Forgey had two sons who left male children Gabriel and James R.

Gabriel Forgey's sons:

James N. Forgey

Gabriel Forgey he had two sons Versel Ray Forgey and Gabriel R. Forgey

James N. had two sons who lived in Bristol, Tennessee Charles and James Forgey. Charles died in the 1990s I don't know if he left any children.

James R. Forgey Sr.'s sons:

James R Forgey b. 1886 died 1931 Didn't leave any children? Could not find any listed on Census

Frank Harland Forgey b. 1894 d. 1968 Only had two daughters Marion and Catherine

David S. Forgey b. 1898 Was in WWII and stated at that time he had no children?

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## The Complexities of DNA



The envelope with the DNA Kit

After a great deal of reading about the different DNA tests available I came to the conclusion that the Y test would be the most useful. I ordered the Y 37 marker test. The autosomal test is too general to be useful at this point. I decided to test someone in the line of the Forgey family I have established a circumstantial case for. I am hoping someone in my line will be tested soon. If this person decides not to then I will have my uncle tested.

I am not sure exactly how many generations back I might be able to go with this test? It seems from what I read it establishes a family relationship 8 generations ago with a high degree of certainty. Hopefully there won't be too many mutations in the markers tested. Over the generations mutations occur occasionally. I am hoping for at least a 35 out of 37 match between my family and John Forgey's descendants.

I am hoping two tests will breakdown my brickwall. I have been searching for other male descendants of Andrew Forgey and Margaret Reynolds in case I need more individuals for my DNA study. I found out there were few male descendants in their son James Forgey's line. He had only one son. Their son John Forgey had the largest number of male descendants. Most of his descendants still live around Chattanooga Tennessee. I don't know where the descendants of Andrew and Margaret's son Andrew settled? They lived in the Shelby County, Tennessee area in the late 1800's. I am not sure if there are any male descendants living now? They don't appear to be in that area now.

I should have no problem finding males in the Andrew Forgey and Anna Roller line to test.

There are a number of male descendants in that line. A few years ago someone compiled a list of all know descendants in that line. It was 42 pages and listed a number of males. This list wasn't even complete.

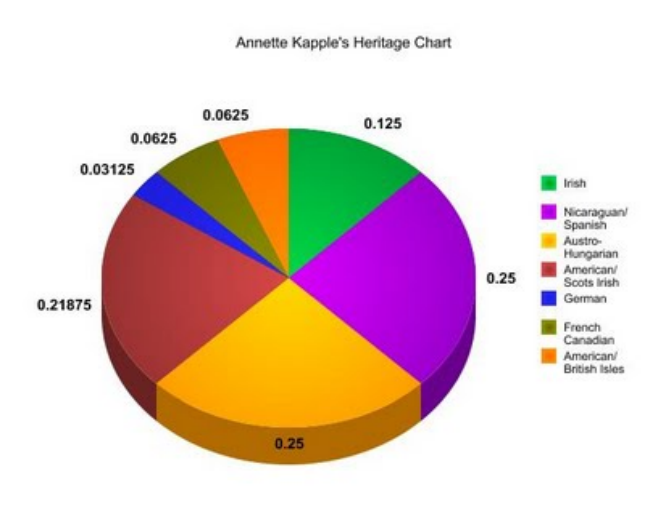
I have been talking about a Forgey DNA study for years. Finally it seems like I am making progress in that direction. I have found two, Forgie and Forgy, results already posted on the internet to compare with as soon as I get the results. Hoping for a breakthrough soon!

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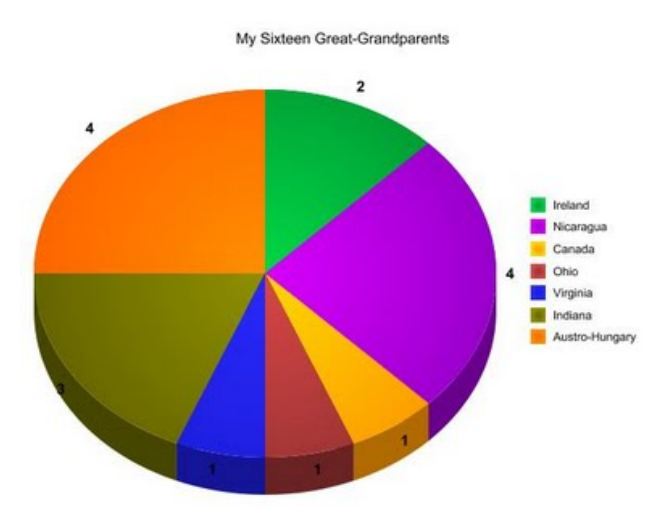
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Sunday, July 17, 2011

## Now for something a little different



I thank Liz Tapley the author of the blog [My Tapley Tree... and it's Branches](#) , and Randy Seaver [Genea-Musings](#) , for the chart idea. I made an ethnicity chart for myself. My ethnic breakdown is certainly more complicated than this. I probably have some Native American ancestry, and my Nicaraguan/Spanish line includes some German. My Austro-Hungarian line is likely also Jewish. Which brings me to a quandary should I take an autosomal DNA test, or have my uncle's Y DNA tested? When I started out with my DNA research in 1998 my primary question was whether the Kapple family was substantially Jewish as far as Ethnic origin. I was never really able to verify this using available records. It sounds like I might be able to get a percentage of Jewish ancestry with the autosomal test. On the other hand I have been doing lots of research on my Forgey line and would like to verify what I have found in records for the family. I mainly have a circumstantial case on this line. I would like to buy both tests but can't afford to now, it's either one of the other. Family Tree Finder is having a sale which only lasts until July 21st. So I will have to make a decision quick.



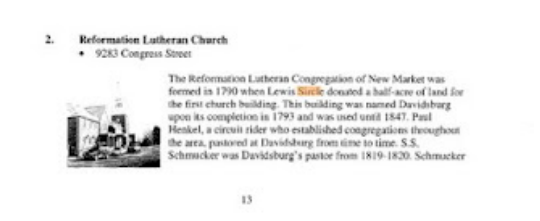
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## Roller Church Records



I received a reply from the Reformation Lutheran Church in New Market, VA regarding their records for the Roller family. Unfortunately Anna Roller was not baptized there. The older children were. This is what they wrote:

I just got an email from our historian. Here is the news...we have what we think are complete records, but Anna's baptism is not recorded in any that we have.

We've found Jacob and wife Eva Roller had three children baptized: Maria Magdalena, Johannes, and Eliner. Grandparents were Johannes and Catarina Roller.

These entries are in Davidsburg Church Baptisms 1785-1845, New Market, VA .

We also have Johannes Rolled, no date.

Our Historian found no cemetery records with those names and suggested you check Rader's church records at the Heritage Center, Dayton, VA. She thinks she saw Roller records there.

According to the snippet above Lewis Zirkle donated the land for Davidsburg Church now Reformation Lutheran church. The Rollers may not have lived in New Market, but had their children baptized there because of the family connection?

I have priced around the cost of getting a copy of these records at several places. The library of Virginia has the manuscripts of these records. They want \$25 for a copy. I've decided to order a microfilm copy from the FHL and save \$20. This is a description of the records:

<http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/ITAU4IQ1GUUP4H2V5UGDP9LBCQVIEKT41XNLS2DUMJ>

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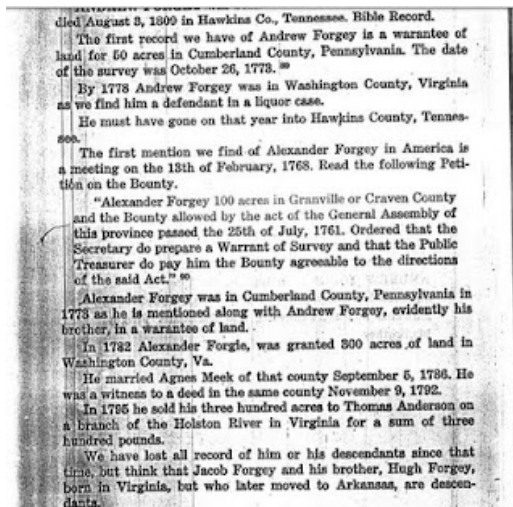
## Alex Forgey's Son?

A handwritten tax list from 1787 for Washington County, Virginia. The list is organized into columns for different age groups of males (16-21, 21-25, 25-30, 30-35, 35-40, 40-45, 45-50, 50-55, 55-60, 60-65, 65-70, 70-75, 75-80, 80-85, 85-90, 90-95, 95-100). A large letter 'F' is written in the center of the list, likely indicating a specific family or household. The list includes names and ages of individuals, with some entries crossed out or corrected.

1787 Tax List For Washington County VA

A piece of info which could be a major breakthrough regarding Alexander Forgey and his line surfaced this week. A descendant of Alexander G. Forgey brought a 1787 Washington County Tax List to my attention. A very useful bit of info was provided on this list. A column was set up to record males between the ages of 16 and 21. They were not identified by name, only the number of those in that age range living in household were provided. One male in that age range lived in Alexander Forgey's household. We presume this is a son, but with no ID don't know for sure? I have ordered an FHL Microfilm with tax lists from 1782 to 1805. I hope that one of these lists contains the name of Andrew Forgey at some point (the film is on back order, so I may have to wait awhile to see it).

The 1787 and 1797 [Washington County, Virginia Tax Lists](#) are free online. They are selling CDs with the intervening years for \$20.00 apiece at this site. No Forgeys appear on the 1797. Alexander Forgey sold his 300 acre land grant in 1795. It appears that the family relocated elsewhere at that point in time. I am thinking they migrated to Knox County, TN, near family. It was thought by the author of the book *A genealogical history of the Forgy, Forgey, and Forgie families in America*, Lucille Wallace, that Jacob Forgey and Hugh Forgey, sons of Archibald, were Alexander's sons. Archibald's line does not use the name Alexander at all. Instead this family uses the same naming patterns as the Hawkins County, Tennessee Forgeys.



A genealogical history of the Forgy, Forgey, and Forgie families in America, By Lucille Wallace.

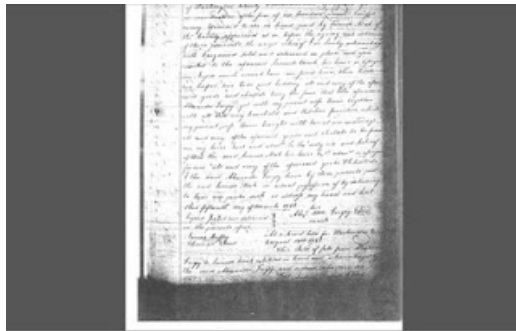


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## Alex Forgey Washington County, VA



I am doing some research on the presumed brother of Andrew Forgey b. 1732 i.e. Alexander Forgey. My goal is to find out whether Alexander G. and Andrew are his sons. He and Andrew apparently migrated to Washington County, VA around the latter part of the 1770's. Washington County, VA research is challenging because of record losses. This snippet from *The Annals of Southwest Virginia* describes some of the missing records:

ton County, the land surveys—marriage licenses, brief of deeds and wills from 1769 to 1800, and which, with but few exceptions, constitutes the entire official records of our people for a generation before the Revolution, during the Revolution, and for a generation after the Revolution. These records are incomplete in the following particulars: first, the early land surveys of Botetourt County are missing; second, the minute books of the County Court of Washington County from 1787 to 1819 are missing; third, four years of the minute books of the County Court of Wythe County are missing; fourth, the marriage records of Russell County from 1777 to 1853 are missing; and, fifth, all of the records of Lee County, except one deed book, prior to 1800 are missing. These missing records were valuable, but were destroyed by fire in the Civil War.

It was the intention of the author when he began this work to include it in a book of a thousand pages, but after the mar-

I've found very few documents mentioning Alexander Forgey. He married Agnes Meeks in Washington County, VA in 1786. I also found Alexander in the Washington County, VA will book. This entry is not related to a will, but is a bill of sale between himself and his father-in-law Samuel Meek. An image of this is posted above. I interpret the above document as meaning that Alexander Forgey's wife went back to her father? I found an Agnes Forgy marrying a James Rogers on 26 Apr 1789 in Washington County, VA. I don't know whether that is a reference to his daughter? (By the way Anne is a nickname for Agnes) I wondered whether Agnes may have divorced Alexander. This is unlikely because early divorces were legislative and none seem to have been awarded before 1803, and only about half a dozen were awarded for that County after 1803 up until divorce was outlawed in the mid nineteenth century. I checked the [Legislative Petition Database](#) and did not find any references at all to Forgey/Forgey.

The land sale below seems to confirm that he didn't have a wife in 1795. All of the other sales on the page refer to husbands and wives.

designates his wife of the County of Mercer, State of Kentucky, to James Hatton. 100 pounds. 210 acres on Cedar Creek, a branch of the Holston River.

Page 375. January 19, 1795. Arthur Campbell and Margaret his wife to Christopher Aklin. 30 pounds. Lot No. 27 in the Town of Abingdon.

Page 375. December 6, 1794. James Kincannon and Sarah his wife to Wm. Mislin. 30 pounds. Acreage not given. In the Rich Valley.

Page 376. January 20, 1795. Robert Walker and Elizabeth his wife to George Buchanan. \$67. On the waters of the North Fork of Holston, on the north side of Walkers Mountain. 100 acres.

Page 377. January 20, 1795. David Lowry and Mary his wife to John Steel. 300 acres on both sides of the Middle Fork of Holston River.

Page 377. January 20, 1795. Alexander Forgoy to Thomas Anderson. 100 pounds. 300 acres on a branch of Holston River called Middle Fork.

Page 378. December 16, 1794. John Scott and Anne his wife to John Orr. 150 pounds. 160 acres on the North side of the Middle Fork of Holston.

Page 379. August 19, 1704. John Scott and Anno his wife to Isaac Williams. 100 pounds. 150 acres on a branch of the Middle Fork of Holston.

Page 380. December 16, 1794. John Orr and Jane his wife to Elijah Michael. 240 pounds. 274 acres on a branch of the Middle Fork of the Holston.

Page 380. December 17, 1794. Benjamin Thomas and Susannah his wife to Cornelius Carmack, Jr. \$20. Six acres on Abrahams Creek, a branch of the North Fork of Holston River.

Page 381. December 16, 1794. Cornelius Carmack, Jr. and Lettice his wife to John Richmond. \$200. 150 acres in Rich Valley, waters of the Holston.

Page 382. December 16, 1794. Cornelius Carmach and  
Lettice his wife to Henry Grymes. \$300. 315 acres in the

Land records are some of the few surviving records for that county. A 1782 Commissioner's Certificate for Alexander refers to the same land as the 1785 Grant Document, and the land sale posted above. The land Grant was awarded to him by then Governor Patrick Henry. It sounds like he was assigned the commissioner's certificate by someone else. These Certificates were awarded to those who settled the area before 1778.

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These are some of my sources for Alexander Forgey.

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# AK'S Genealogy Research

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Saturday, June 25, 2011

## More James Forgey 1802 bible analysis



The page with my likely ancestors entries is a puzzle. It does look like Andrew Forgey's birth info was added after his death info? So everything in that column was more than likely added after the death date of 3 Aug 1809. We can probably surmise this because someone accidentally wrote his death info on the birth side then crossed it out and recopied it in the correct column.

How, when and by whom all of this was written is a mystery. Was Nancy and Sally's info added before Andrew's? Or were all three added the same day? It is possible that Andrew's death was recorded around 1809. Margaret's death entry is phrased differently and the handwriting is different. The other death entries have the latin phrase *anidomini* and "departed this life". The 1828 death entry is more straight forward and says died. The 1833 entry for her grand daughter appears to have been added later. It would appear that the last two entries on the page were entered around their times of death. So the impression is that the entries on this page were made between 1809 or a few years before, for Nancy and Sally, and the last entry was recorded in 1833.

The 1833 entry marked the end of the page and the death entries were continued on another page. The second page of deaths appear to be recorded in chronological order as they happened. Entries were recorded in several hand writings, apparently by several people. The phrasings for death ranged from died, departed this life, and deceased.



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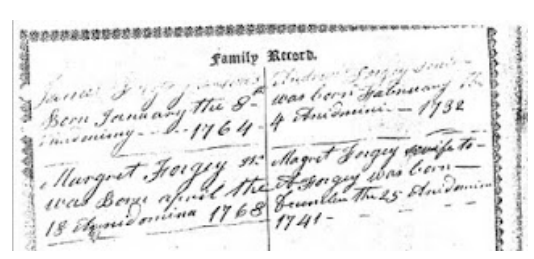
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Apparently someone wanted to clarify the jumbled and partially illegible info from the page with Andrew & Margaret and son James info and recorded this:



Could be the same person who recorded the previous entry? They seem to phrase the entries the same. Also they both misspelled February as February.

More thoughts on the bible. It appears that the style of writing most often used in the bible is called copperplate mixed with round hand style.. It was very popular in the 18th century. I was also thinking that maybe a minister recorded the marriage entry for Margaret Forgey in the bible? I don't know whether this may have been customary?

Also noted an entry for Margaret Forgey mother of James included the abbreviation for senior? Not often used for women.

There is a lot of handwriting to compare in this bible, and a lot to think about as far as word usage and phrasing. Maybe someone with more experience analyzing this sort of thing would be able to nail down the entry dates better.

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## Nan's Trip Docs/ 1) James Forgey Bible

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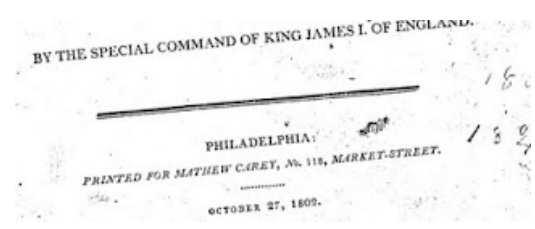
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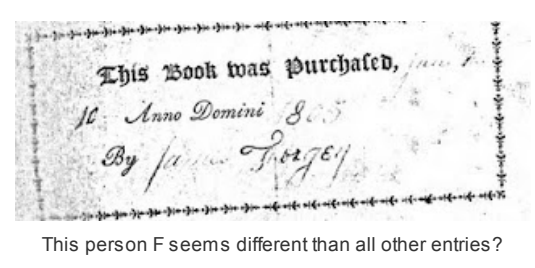
The screenshot shows the 'Edit Source' form in the Rootsmagic software. The form is titled 'James Forgey Bible, Hawkins County, TN'. It includes fields for 'Original owner', 'Date', 'Title', 'Publish place', 'Publisher', 'Publish date', 'Manuscript number', 'Collection', 'Repository', and 'Repository location'. The 'Date' field is set to 'Purchased 1805'. The 'Title' field is 'The New Testament of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ'. The 'Publish place' is 'Philadelphia'. The 'Publisher' is 'Mathew Carey, 118 Market Street'. The 'Publish date' is '27 October 1802'. The 'Manuscript number' is 'Vol. 7'. The 'Collection' is 'Forgey'. The 'Repository' is 'Rogersville Library'. The 'Repository location' is 'Rogersville, Tennessee'. The 'Source Details' section shows 'Specific data: Family Record Page'.

Nan's trip to our ancestral area in East Tennessee and extensive research and copying has really assisted me in my documentation of our family history. I did not have any original copies of such sources as Andrew Forgey's Will or the much quoted Family Bible. Above is the citation I created for the bible at Rootsmagic. I find their citation templates so helpful. Another template which I will be using for the bible citation has fields for provenance and analysis.

I have been analyzing this bible as my time permits. The first thing I took note of is that the bible was published in 1802 in Philadelphia. According to the book Families of Hawkins County, Tennessee, 1786-1994, the Forgeys brought a family bible with them from Ireland? They came from Ireland in 1760's. I suppose there could be another bible, but I think this is the one they were referring to. Likely no one checked the publication date.



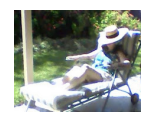
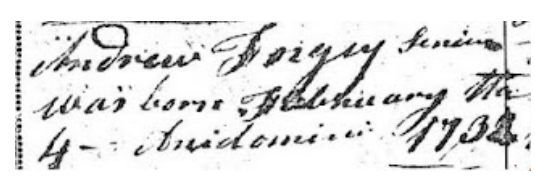
The purchase date was recorded as 1805 which is also well after their migration to America.



This person F seems different than all other entries?

Now let's plunge into some handwriting analysis. I love handwriting analysis (I remember many years ago, when I was a child I had my handwriting analysed by a computer at the local mall). This kind of analysis can be tricky. Sometimes several people in the same family can have very similar handwriting. For instance my mother and her brother at one time had nearly identical handwriting. My Grandfather Forgey and his brother also had similar handwriting. This probably has something to do with the style of writing being taught at their local school during that time period, and siblings observing one another.

This is James Forgey Sr.'s bible. He was born in Ireland in 1764. The earliest entry records the birth of Andrew Forgey 4 February 1732, the owner's father.



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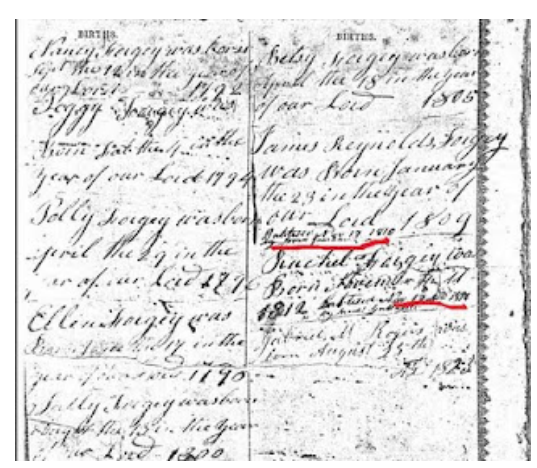
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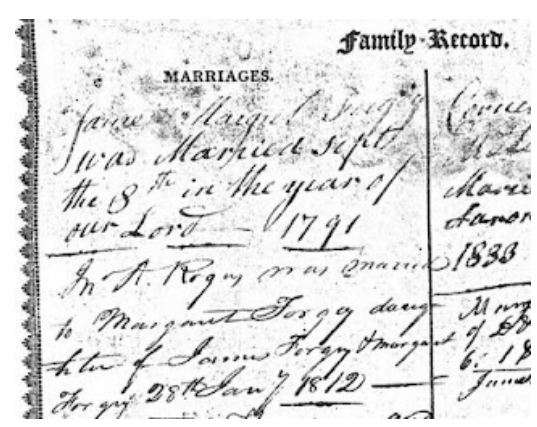
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It looks like the birth records for James Forgey's children were added to the family record before Nov 1810? I assume this because the baptismal info was added later under the original entries for two children. They were both baptized 17 Nov. 1810. All of the birth date entries appear to have been entered by the same person? The 1823 entry for Gabriel Rogers was added later, from the appearance of the writing.



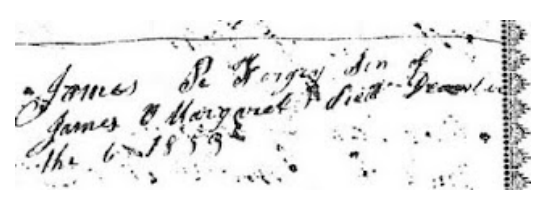
At first glance all of the writing looks similar. On closer inspection there are differences. An example of this is found in the marriage records section. Entry one and two seem to have been written by two different people. The first entry was written by someone who didn't slant their writing as much, and wrote in a larger hand. These two entries are not phrased the same. The first of the two was for the marriage of the bible owner, James Forgey, recorded in bible well after the actual 1791 year of marriage. The second is for his daughter Margaret in 1812, which could have been recorded around the date of marriage?



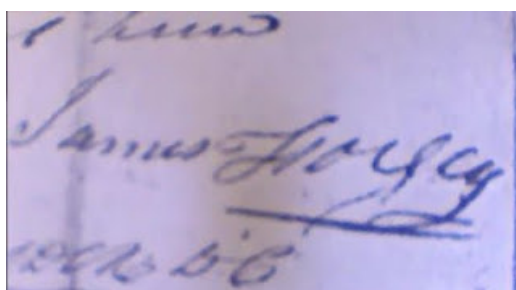
It's interesting that most of the entries on this page are in chronological order except the one at the bottom of the page for 1817 which should be above the previous entry for 1830. Most of the entries were made at different times possibly by three different people? The third writing style is a less elaborate style. Below is a sample of the third writing style appearing on the same page.



It looks like the final entry is in 1853 for the death of the bible owner's son James R. Forgey. It looks like James P. but it is a little hard to read?

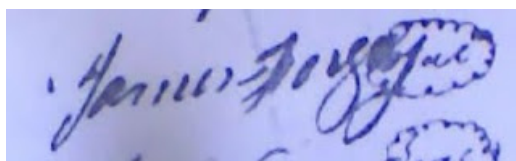


I don't know whether James Forgey actually wrote any of the above? I have three examples of what I believe to be his writing. He had a distinctive way of forming his r's and g's which gave the impression when grouped together of a large y? Other people misread that as a K. His y's in the two examples I have show a distinctive curl to the tail, which I don't see in the bible. His writing style somewhat matches one of the early writing styles in the bible, but is a little different. I suppose when you are writing in a public place you may write more hurriedly than at home? This may account for the differences? It is possible that he did write the early entries.



I believe this is an example of his James Forgey's writing?

The provenance of the bible seems to be as follows: it was purchased by James Forgey Sr. passed down to son James Forgey Jr., and then to his son Gabriel Rogers Forgey. then to Gabriel's daughter Evalena Forgey-Morrison then to her son Crockett Morrison. In conclusion it appears that at least three people, possibly more, made entries in the bible. Some entries were made at an early date, others later. An analysis of writing styles at different periods of time would be helpful. I think it also would be helpful to see the handwriting of all these owners in order to determine by who and when the entries were written.



Another writing example for James Forgey

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Friday, June 17, 2011

## Germans and Women



I've been doing a reanalysis of my family history data at Roots Magic and adding more detail to some vague sources. I have been focusing on my German lines. Much research has already been done on these lines. I am doing my best to verify what has been done. There really is a lot to look at and consider. Since much of this info is not sourced it's not always easy to track down. Luckily many of the males left detailed wills. The family female lines are more difficult. Females seldom appear in early records which makes tracing their families difficult.

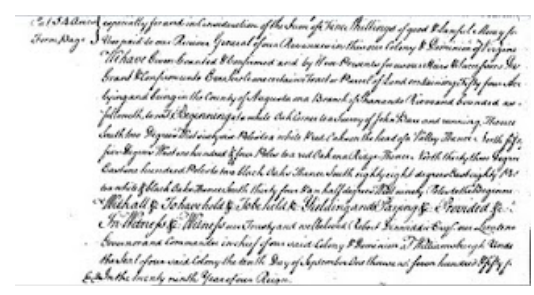
A case in point Maria Eva born about 1713, maiden name believed to Bear? She married Johannes Ludwick Zirkle. She and her husband lived in Telford, Pennsylvania before his death in 1746. After his death she relocated to then Augusta County, Virginia with her children. I find her very interesting because she is one of the few female ancestors mentioned in early local records.

I am trying to verify that Maria Eve's maiden name was Bear or Bare. Her name was recorded as Bear in a Zirkle Association newsletter published many years ago. No source for this info was provided. I've searched using google for any new info regarding this. Many people continue to use Bear as her maiden name, but no one has provided any sources. Doing some more research at the website for the Virginia State Library, the Memory Project, I found a grant conveyed to her in 1755 for 54 acres in Augusta County, VA. A John Bare was a neighbor. Eve Sircle also is mentioned in volume 3 of *The Chronicles of the Scotch Irish Settlement in Virginia* by Lyman Chalkley. The references in this book also regard land transactions, one of which I have a copy of (the one I found at the state library site). The other property reference refers to a patent for 130 acres which was transferred to her by John Bair in 1761. Her eldest son's name is said to be Michael Sircle.

Page 102.—On North River of —, patented to Joel Robinson 31st October, 1765. Teste: John Thomas, Charles and Elinor ( ) Dailey.  
 Page 107.—16th November, 1776. Michael Sircle and Catharine ( ), of Danmore County, to Ludwick Fulmor (delivered: John Separs, 20th August, 1793), 130 acres patented to John Bair 10th March, 1765, and conveyed by him to Eve Sircle; also 64 acres patented to my mother, Eve Sircle, now deceased, 10th September, 1755, and descended to Michael as eldest son and heir of Eve.  
 Page 111.—16th November, 1776. Same to John Chrisman Pap, 130 acres patented to John Bear 10th March, 1755, and conveyed by John to Eve Sircle August, 1761, and descended to Michael as eldest son.  
 Page 117.—Teste: Anthony Reader, Conrad Humble.  
 Page 117.—18th August, 1777. Francis ( ) McBride and Mary ( ) to Margaret Marks, widow and devisee of Jacob Marks, late of Augusta.



Since Maria Eve did not migrate to Virginia with her husband, she must have traveled there with her family. Since she did live next to a John Bare, and had land conveyed to her by him, maybe he was indeed a relative? I have not been able to locate the deed for 130 acres yet, that may provide some additional info. Someone at ancestry.com gave her father's name as Jack Bear. They did not provide any source for this either? It would be nice to have a source for her maiden name. The record survival rate for this area is pretty good so there could be a solution eventually.



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## Inferential Genealogy Case Study 2

**CASE 2 JOURNAL**

Below are the journal entries for this case. When you are done click Close in the left.

<b>Document One</b> George Overton and Mary Overton sold land to Thomas Moore 7 Apr 1795. Did not pay taxes previous to sale.	<b>Document Two</b> George Overton purchased land from Ben Moore per tax list.	<b>Document Three</b> John Overton gives 150 acres to "son George Overton."
<b>Document Four</b> George Overton and Obadiah Overton assigned partition.	<b>Document Five</b> Obadiah Overton sold to Willis Overton Sr. Dated 2 May 1842.	<b>Document Six</b> John Overton (Overton) witnessed this deed. It was customary for witnesses to be over 21.
<b>Document Seven</b> Tax record showing 2 different Wills Overtons. One is the son of George the other the son of Obadiah. One is described.	<b>Document Eight</b> Will of John Overton approximate date of death 27 Apr 1792. Descendants (Overton) Partlow, Samuel Partlow, Sam G. Partlow.	
<b>Conclusions</b> Obadiah is likely the son of John Overton. George is definitely the son of John according to document 3.	John was old enough to be Obadiah's father according to document 1. George and Obadiah owned together as a partner. They both have some named Kites, which could be a family name. Both George and Obadiah lived in the same area, and seemed to be peers.	

I just finished studying the second case for the **Inferential Genealogy** course. I found that I had to go through the whole thing twice before I understood. Since there were so few documents with Obadiah's name I forgot what the goal was the first time around :(. I also misunderstood and thought the Partlows were descendants, which wasn't important anyway. The instructor came up with many more details than I recorded in my conclusion and assumptions.

I tend to get bogged down in details. It is difficult for me to pick out the most relevant details. I always have to go over documents numerous times before I make sense of all the info. I do need practice in the process of document analysis, as I've gleaned for this case study.

This course has helped me recognize that I have not searched broadly enough. I should search the records of neighboring counties. Many of my family locations have suffered record losses, so searching nearby jurisdictions may be helpful. I generally have not researched records after my ancestors' deaths. Searching a generation after may be helpful too. I also have a feeling that I have not seen all of the court documents regarding my ancestors. Like he said the probate process, especially, generated a great deal of paperwork. Sometimes all of these papers were filed in several places including bound volumes, loose paperwork etc. I've found probate documents filed in deed books also. I don't live near my ancestral locations, so I



can't visit courthouses easily. If I could visit I am sure I would find all of these various court records which can't be accessed any other way.

After studying this course it is clear that studying all documents regarding your ancestors, and their associates, is essential to solving difficult problems. Looking for every minute detail.

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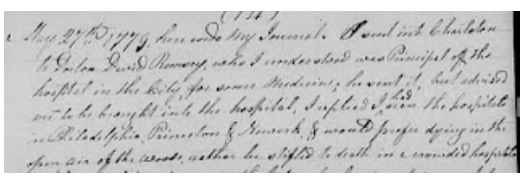
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Saturday, June 4, 2011

## Fergus/ Forgey



While combing through everything related to Forgey at Footnote I came upon a Forgey family unknown to me. I've tried to place all of the Forgey and Forgry families in relation to their immigrant line. Could not place this family at all. I found a progenitor of this family listed in a revolutionary war pension file. A John Forgey was named as a magistrate in Elbert County Georgia. I found him also named in a probate document in Rutherford County, North Carolina. I discovered that this family normally spelled their name Fergus. I also found out the family initially settled in the same area of Pennsylvania as my family, Cumberland County and Chester County. I had noticed Fergus families in Ireland sometimes went by Forgey too. I didn't know that happened in this country. This supports the origin of the name as a variant spelling of the name Ferguson .

I'll have to make note of this family so they don't confuse me in the future. I thought the revolutionary war pension file for James Fergus was fascinating. He kept a journal during his service and presented it as evidence to qualify for his pension. I copied a snippet above regarding his opinion of hospitals at the time. I thought that part was especially fascinating.

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## Broad Search

We are studying Tom Jones's course on **Inferential Genealogy** at Second Life, which is available at <https://www.familysearch.org/learn/researchcourses> . I am presenting an example here of how a broad search helped me to solve a genealogy problem.

My focused goals were to find the parents of my ancestor Nancy Melvin and where in Maryland she was born. She married Elijah Hicks 28 Feb 1823 in Bracken County, KY. I checked online family trees, but could not find one listing her parents.

**Step 1.** Searched 1820 US Census Kentucky for possible fathers. I found only one possible father in Bracken County, KY. His name was John, and a female in her age range was listed in his household. I also searched Clermont County, Ohio where Nancy lived after her marriage. A William Melvin lived there in 1820, but didn't have daughters in her age range.

**Step 2.** I ordered a copy of the marriage record for Elijah Hicks and Nancy Melvin from the Bracken County genealogy Society. I received a copy of their marriage bond which John Melvin signed. At this point I felt like it was more likely than not that John Melvin was Nancy's father.

Signatures from 1823 Marriage Bond of Elijah Hicks and Nancy Melvin

**Step 3.** Searched 1850 Bracken County, KY Census. Found a John Melvin, but he said he was born in Pennsylvania same as his wife. I figured this might be wrong, and just an echoing of the birthplace for his wife.

John Melvin	30	M	Pa	1820	Pa
Nancy Melvin	25	F	Pa	1825	Pa
John Melvin	7	M	Pa	1843	Pa
William Melvin	5	M	Pa	1845	Pa

John Melvin 1850 Census for Bracken County, KY with third wife

**Step 4.** According to all available census records Nancy was born in Maryland (all Melvins listed in Census records for Clermont County, OH and Bracken County, Ky stated they were born in Maryland). So I searched the 1810 Census for all of Maryland. I found 3 possible fathers in Maryland. One in Worcester, where many Melvin families lived. There was a John Melvin with a female in her age range in Worcester County. A William Melvin also lived in the area.

**Step 5.** Looked at online marriage records for Worcester, Maryland. Found a marriage for John Melvin and Mary Redden.. They married 24 Nov 1800. Nancy Melvin's eldest daughter was named Mary. A William Melvin married around the same time.

**Step 6.** I did a survey of all available records for Worcester, Maryland online. Nothing linking the Worcester County Maryland Melvins to Bracken County, KY.

**Step 7.** Went back to Bracken County 1850 Census looked for neighbors from Maryland. Found a Purnell Redden. Searched online family trees for him, where I found one giving his birth place as Worcester County, Maryland. His father Shadrack was said to be the brother of the Mary Redden, who married John Melvin. At this point felt like I was on to something :)!

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Purnell Redden 1850 Census he appears on the page previous to John Melvin (his wife was a Norris and John Melvin's third wife was related to the Norris family)

**Step 8.** Went back to Worcester Records online and found Shadrack Redden listed in these records which confirmed he came from there. An online probate transcription did name a Shadrack and Mary Redden as brother and sister.

**Step 9.** Ordered all available land and court microfilms for Bracken County, Ky from the LDS Family History Library. Was not able to make a definite connection between John Melvin and the Redden family.

**Step 10.** Decided to research William Melvin of neighboring Clermont, Ohio. Nancy Melvin lived in Clermont after her marriage. She used many of the same names as the William Melvin family, such as Stephen, for her children. The name Stephen was also used by the Melvin family in Worcester, Maryland. My research in Clermont Ohio records produced nothing either.

**Step 11.** I posted queries at Forums for Worcester, Bracken, and Clermont explaining how I was trying to link these families and what I had found.

My query paid off big time :)! Someone contacted me by email and told me that there was a biography published in an Indiana County history, which stated that William Melvin's daughter was born in Snow Hill, Maryland, which is the town in Worcester County where the Melvin Family I have been researching lived.

James, and four daughters, Jane, Ann, Elizabeth and Mary.  
 William Bole, father of the Jefferson township resident, was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1814, and though reared on a farm, early in life he began an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade, and finally located at Neville, in Clermont county, Ohio, where he married Rosanna A. Melvin, who was born at Snow Hill, Maryland, in 1810, and came to Ohio with her father, William Melvin, who located at Neville, on the Ohio River. William Melvin was likewise a shoemaker, and William Bole worked in the same town with him after his marriage, but later moved to Foster's Landing in Kentucky, and in 1856 brought his wife and three children to Fayette county, Indiana, later lived both in Madison and Henry counties, and finally in Delaware county. In 1874 he moved to Grant county, but returned to Muncie, where his death occurred in 1898 at the age of eighty-four years. His wife passed away in 1895 and she too was past eighty years of age. William Alanzo Bole, the oldest of the family, was born at Neville, Ohio, March 6, 1841. His sister Melissa, born in 1845, married J. S. Petty, a prominent and well-known man whose death occurred in Martinsville, Indiana. For her second husband she married a Mr. Fisk, a Massachusetts banker, and since his death her home has been in Muncie. She was at one time a

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I did not have the name of this daughter because she left the Clermont area. I would never think to check a county history in Indiana :). So I now have a fairly good circumstantial case, and feel pretty confident Nancy Melvin was the daughter of John Melvin and Mary Redden of Snowhill, Worcester, Maryland. I am continuing to research this family for further confirmation.

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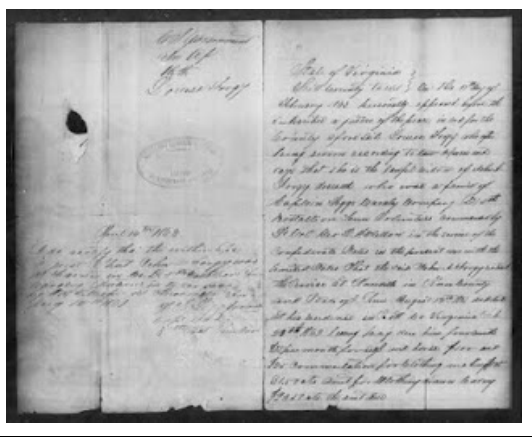
Monday, May 30, 2011

## Civil War/ Sorting out Forgeys



I've been using a 7 day free trial for Footnote to try to find some missing Forgeys. I've found some very useful and interesting info. I have tried to assemble complete family groups for the Forgey families who settled in Tennessee. I believe I have identified a grandson, John Forgey, of Andrew Forgey and Margaret Reynolds. I found a John Forgey and Polly listed in New Providence Church records. They disappear from Hawkins County, TN after the 1840 Census. They seemed to have had a large family in 1840. I found a John Forga and Mary Forga family in Marshall County, MS and their family seemed to match the Hawkins County family as far as number of males and females. This family bounced back and forth between Shelby County, TN and nearby Marshall County, MS. Using Footnote I found 3 sons of John and Mary Forgey who served during the Civil War. One son, J. W. Forgey, does not appear on the 1850 Census. I believe that he might be a son of their's anyway? John T. does appear so he is more than likely their son. W. H. also appears to have served; he does not appear with them on the 1850 Census either; but is also more than likely a son of John and Mary. The sons not appearing with John and Mary in 1850 were over twenty years old.

Made a surprise find in the Civil War records. My ancestor Andrew Forgey's nephew John Forgey, son of Archibald, served as a Farrier in the Civil War. He served in the 5th Tennessee Calvary Company D. Those who served in this Company were from the Clinch River area of TN and VA. They were called the Clinch Mountain Rangers. He died in February 1862. Apparently he was taken from Morristown, TN to his residence Scott County, VA where he died.. John's son Andrew was apparently held prisoner during the Civil War and released in 1865,

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## Forgey, Forgy, & Forgie etc.



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the south is much more difficult. It could be due to the isolated locations of their homes, and the dislocation due to the Civil War. Also after the Civil War some Confederates may have been unwilling to provide their family info to the US government?

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## Scott County, VA Forgeys

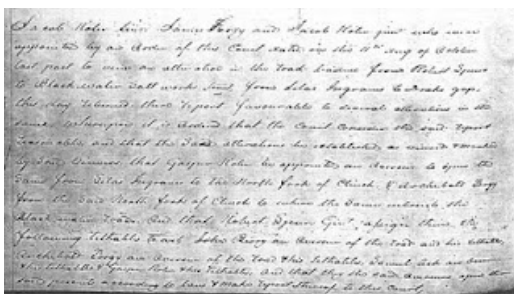


This is the Blackwater, VA area. The Rollers and Forgeys worked on an early road to Blackwater Salt Works.

Moving my research for my family history to Scott County, VA. Thought I lost my some of my court record copies. I've been looking for them for the past week, finally stumbled upon them today. So Friday the 13th is my lucky day :).

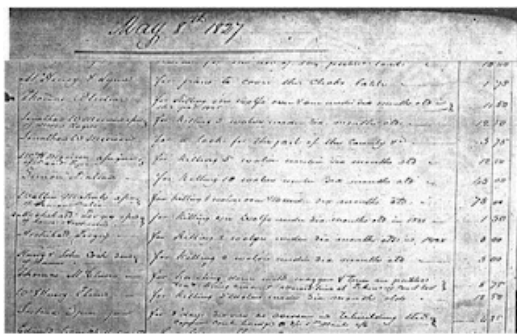
Now that I've been able to review these pages again I've developed a new appreciation for them. I have been reading about the history of Scott County, VA, and the Blackwater Salt Works was mentioned. James Forgy is referred to in a court orders regarding the road to the Blackwater Salt Works. It seems that James Forgy Jacob Roller Jr. and Sr., were appointed as overseers of alterations to the Blackwater Road in the year 1826.

I also noticed that in the 1820's Archibald Forgy was living on the North Fork of the Clinch River just like his father-in-law Jacob Roller Sr.



A bounty was paid for killing predatory animals. The Scott County court record below lists Archibald Forgy as killing two wolves under six months old. It's an interesting glimpse into to life in early Scott County :).





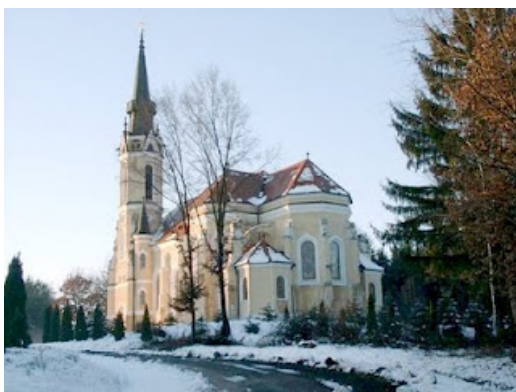
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## My Inzenhof Line



St. Emmerich Ronok Hungary

Before 1999 I had never heard anyone in the family mention Inzenhof, the village of my paternal grandfather's family. My father's parents divorced in the 1940's. My grandmother and her children relocated from Chicago, Illinois to Southern California. My grandfather Rudolph Kapple remained in Illinois. My grandfather Rudolph died when I was very young, and never visited California so I never met him. I've always felt a sense of disappointment because I never met him. I felt a close connection to his line of the family. I was told that I looked like one of Rudolph's sisters. I was also told that my surname was likely Jewish and wanted to learn more about that. For many years I questioned my family about the Kapple family origins. No one knew very much at all. My grandmother looked into it at one point and came up with Gratz, Austria as their place of origin. I still wanted to learn more. I wondered what may have happened to relatives during WWII?

I was busy working when I was in my 20's and couldn't pursue genealogy. When I finally got access to the internet in 1999 I began pursuing my interest in the family history. At the local library I stumbled on a genealogy how to book called My Sixteen. The author of the book laid out instructions on tracing immigrant ancestors in a very simple and understandable way. After reading that book I successfully found my family in all the records suggested in the My Sixteen

book. Combining all of that with internet research I found out the family was not from Gratz but instead from nearby Inzenhof, Austria. All available records indicate that the family had been Catholic for at least 200 years. I have found nothing to document that they were ever Jewish.

The histories of Inzenhof and the province of Burgenland are really fascinating. The Burgenland area was very sparsely populated before the 18th century. It also suffered population losses due to war. During the 18th century efforts were made to bring in settlers to this area. It is not known for certain where all of these new settlers came from? Likely many came from the area around of Gratz?

Until after WWI Burgenland was a German speaking area of Hungary.



Inzenhof WWII War Memorial.  
Many of my family names are listed here.

The WWII era really fascinates me. Inzenhof was the location of a slave labor camp. This pdf article makes a brief mention of the camp in Inzenhof, [The Death Marches of Hungarian Jews Through Austria](#) (the first article link on this page). Relations of my family did serve on the German side during WWII. I have not found any records indicating that any relatives were prisoners in the concentration camps.

The Burgenland Bunch published a wonderful diary on the internet regarding a visit of a Burgenland native, then American Citizen, who was visiting her mother and was trapped in the area and unable to return to the US because of the outbreak of the war. Links to the articles [An unforgettable visit to the Burgenland Austria](#) and part 2 [An unforgettable visit to the Burgenland Austria](#)

It's difficult to get stories about the Inzenhof area during WWII because many documents and newspapers from that era were destroyed. Efforts were made after WWII to hide evidence of crimes. Surviving residents of the area were never willing to share very much info about this time period. I have read stories about Nazis occasionally searching houses, and harassing some Burgenland families.

The cold war also greatly affected life in Inzenhof. Inzenhof was on the Iron Curtain literally. St. Emmerich Church, the Inzenhof parish church, was located in no man's land during the cold war. The cemetery was located in a mine field. Occasionally someone fleeing communist Hungary would try to cross the minefield into Burgenland. Residents of the area would sometimes risk their lives to retrieve bodies from the minefields.

Today Inzenhof is a nice middle class area of Austria. Photos of Inzenhof today give an impression of a sleepy, rural place. It's hard to envision the chaotic place this was in the past. Peace finally :)!



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## What I know, KNOW!



With graves located in Cow Pastures a search line like the one above would be helpful! But I need to locate the Andrew Forgey land before such a search can take place :D.

Here is what I have found in the records describing the land location:

"DEED BOOK 1, Page 133 Deed from NORTH CAROLINA to **ANDREW FORGES**, No. 78 For and in consideration of the sum of fifty shillings for every hundred acres paid into the Treasury by Andrew Forges, we have granted to him a tract of land containing four hundred acres, lying on Possum Creek in Stanley Valle, beginning on Hugh Crafford's corner in the north side of the valley. Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of October 1782."

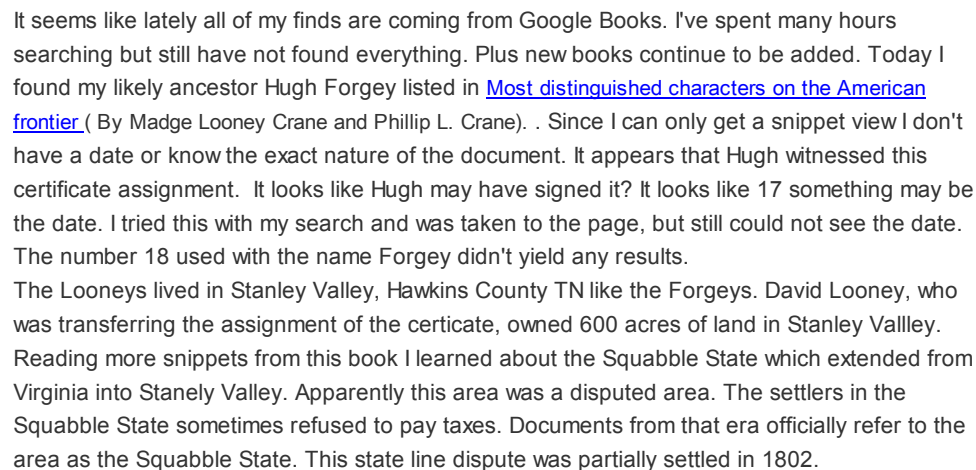
"I do give and bequeath to my son **Andrew Forgey, Junior** a part of the tract of land I now live on butted and bounded as followeth: Beginning on the main road opposite a cross fence about half way between where I now live and where my son **Andrew** lives, then along said fence and to continue the course thereof to the back line of said tract. Then with said line to a chestnut corner of said tract. Then along the line dividing my land from a tract whereon **Benoni Coldwell** now lives to the old road that is nearest to my son **Andrew's** fence. Then with said road to the beginning, including the house and plantation whereon my son Andrew now lives." (From Hawkins County, Tennessee Wills)

"Whereas I had given to my son **John Forgey** another part of said tract and have made him a right to the same which he has since sold to my son **James Forgey** and has received payment, and I being anxious to secure the said part to **James** for the considerations above, I do therefore bequeath to **James Forgey** the said part which is bounded as followeth: Beginning on the road at the place where **Andrew Forgey's** began, opposite the before

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## 52 Weeks of Personal Genealogy & History- Pets



I had an assortment of pets growing up from livestock to domestic pets. One of my first pets was a rabbit. Not a very friendly rabbit. I also had many cats which tended to be rather aloof and not too cuddly. We also kept some birds which the cats often harassed. I did enjoy several litters of kittens which were born in our garage. I remember the mother cats tried to move their kittens into my closet :D.

I remember I also had a tiny turtle named Timmy who would often escape his home. We would have to comb the house to find him.

We also had a rooster which would wake the neighbors up so we had to get rid of it.



I became very attached to my apricot poodle named Romeo. I got him around the time of my Junior High School graduation. He was much more fun than the cats. He was a very lively companion, and like a little brother to me. He lived to be about 15 years old. It was a very sad day when he had to be put to sleep.

I don't have any pets now. Just no time to care for a pet now.

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## More Fun with Maps



The findagrave website has so much great information besides cemetery listings. I found a picture of the marker above at that site. It put me on the right track as to where the Looneys lived. They were neighbors of my likely ancestors Andrew Forgey and Margaret Reynolds. I noticed a street called Looney's Gap road. I thought that Andrew's land may have been located around there. No, after using this sign to do more internet research I determined that the Looneys originally lived near the Forgeys on Possum Creek, but later relocated to the location where Looney's Gap Rd. is, which is on Big Creek. So Andrew did not live near that road. When I looked at Andrew Forgey's land grant again I noticed it specifically says he lived in North Stanley Valley.

I would like to do some research with Tract Books to pinpoint the location of the land.

I am very curious as to whether descendants of Andrew Forgey still own any of his 400 acre land grant?

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## Stanley Valley



I've been touring the area where my ancestors lived using google street view. They lived in Stanley Valley, Hawkins County, Tennessee and later migrated over the border into Scott County, Virginia.

Stanley Valley is a narrow valley so it should be fairly easy to pinpoint where the family lived. The only coordinates I have are Possum Creek and according to a great-grandson of the family they lived 17 miles from Rogersville. Using these directions I believe I have been able to get pretty close to where they lived. It's been really wonderful to actually see the area :) It's really moving seeing the area.



I have also been able to see the ancestral land in Scott County thanks to the directions of distant cousins. Its a very lush green area.

I've contacted a local expert in Hawkins County, TN hoping to get advise on how to pinpoint the exact location of the Forgey land.



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## St. John Vianney Church



The church I have been attending since childhood was burned in an arson fire on Friday night. It is really heartbreaking for all of us. One of the Priests ruptured a tendon a couple of months ago and just came to for today's Palm Sunday service, which was held in the church hall. He was given a standing ovation. As he said "We will rise again." The rectory was saved but the heat from the fire blew out all the windows and much of the interior was melted. Luckily none of the priests were killed. A fireman had to pull one of them to safety. The church is a total loss. The damage is estimated at 8 million dollars.

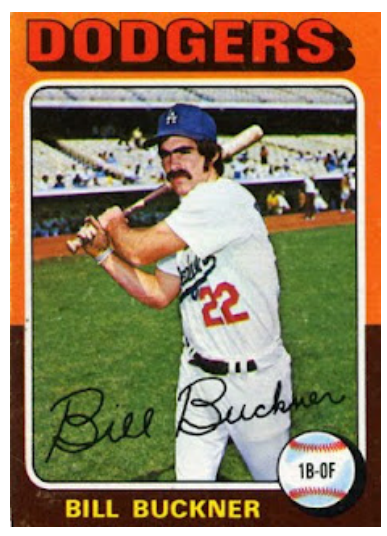
It's sound like it's going to take two or three years to rebuild. I feel sorry for anyone who had the church booked for their wedding :( It is nice that people are sharing their pictures of the church as it was at this facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/RebuildStJohnVianneyChurch>

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## 52 Weeks of Personal Genealogy & History- Sports



In the late 1970's and early 1980's some of my best days were spent with my father at Dodgers' baseball games. That was a classic era in Dodger baseball. In Fielder's Steve Garvey, Ron Cey, Davy Lopes, and Steve Yeager behind the plate. I also remember Fernando mania. Whenever he pitched in his early career the stadium would be packed.

We would always sit in the left field section so I could watch my favorite player Bill Buckner.

Family nights and celebrity nights were some of my favorite. I remember getting Tony Danza's autograph at a celebrity night. I remember that he was one of the nicest celebrities I have ever met. I dropped my pen into the Dodger dugout and he retrieved it for me.

We always ate a couple Dodger dogs every game. There is nothing better than a tasty Dodger dog on a beautiful day at the stadium!

Dodger Stadium has always been located in a bad section of Los Angeles, a gang ridden area.

The recent beating of a fan really saddened me, but was not completely a surprise given the fact that gang members live in the area and attend games. Hopefully increased security will prevent this from happening again.

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## BYUtv - The Generations Project: Emily

BYUtv - The Generations Project: Emily



I really enjoyed this Generations Project episode! Emily brought up some questions that never occurred to me :D. It isn't everyday that someone shows up to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City asking how their ancestor smelled. Researchers were able to come up with a reasonably good answer for her. They drew a conclusion about what he likely smelled like from the occupation listed on the Census for him. They even found a description of the odors associated with his occupation (which was teamster).

I have not put much thought into the self-esteem level of my ancestors either. I have noticed that some were more successful than others. I've also noticed that some siblings have been more successful than other. In the case of my Forgey family I have noted that James Forgey seemed to be financially better off than his brother my ancestor Hugh. His father Andrew seemed to favor James more than Hugh also. I don't know whether it affected his self-esteem or not?

Still working on organizing my genealogy.

The Second Life meeting yesterday was done in voice chat. It was very interesting regarding government land records. I found out that cash purchase entries rarely contain anything other than the patent and receipt. My ancestors only purchased land this way, they did not homestead.

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## Need to Organize My Genealogy

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## Don't Know the History



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## 52 Weeks of Personal Genealogy & History-Spring





## Spring in California

You know it's spring in California when the hills are yellow with the blooms of the mustard plant. It's a nice change from the dry brown scrub which cover the hill sides the rest of the year. California has some beautiful gardens which are gorgeous in the Spring. The Huntington Library, Descanso Gardens, and the LA County Arboretum are great place to visit and enjoy the Spring :)!

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## Absconding Cousin

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to the new common peas created in 1803, when the other county courts were abolished, except Menard; but Hull was then near death. Of the other judges appointed under the first grade of government but not recommissioned when the county courts were reconstituted in 1805, John Beaird and Robert McMahon were certainly men of better character than John Grosvenor and (most decidedly) Robert Reynolds, but Reynolds was much the most active in the court. The term of his commission was for Governor Hancock

According to Gov. John Reynolds his father Robert was persuaded, by glowing reports of New Spain which he heard from neighbors in Knox County, TN, to migrate to that area. Knox County Court Records give an alternate reason.

"Of a certain Robert Reynolds at a court of pleas and quarter sessions of Knox County...who has since absconded is now (as your petitioner is informed) in the Spanish Dominions..."

When the family arrived in the Spanish Dominions they found out they would be required to convert to Catholicism. They were Ulster Protestants and could never agree to such a thing.

to obtain more permits of residence from the Government to settle in the country. The regulations of the government requiring him to raise his children Catholics, determined him not to live under such government.

My father and mother were born and raised in Ireland, in the Protestant faith, and would not consent to live in a Catholic country.

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## John Beaird's Times

the summer of 1793, the anger of the settlers exploded into a backcountry insurrection against the federal injunction against war.<sup>9</sup> On June 12, 1793, Captain **John Beaird** and his militia not only entered Cherokee territory but attacked Cherokees and federal agents assembling in a Cherokee town to travel to Philadelphia for treaty negotiations, killing several Cherokee men and women and one white man and wounding Nan-ye-hi's daughter, Betsey Martin, and Scolacutta's wife. Beaird's massacre prompted renewed hostilities during which General John Sevier mounted a major fall offensive campaign against the Cherokees, destroying a number of Cherokee towns. Daniel Smith, the secretary of the territory acting in Blount's convenient absence, flouted the federal prohibition on offensive war to authorize Sevier's campaign. Illegal forays into Cherokee country continued into the next year against the Upper Towns. Finally, on September 7, 1794, the militias struck the Chickamaugans. In the face of a specific federal directive prohibiting an assault on the Lower Towns, a combined force of 550 militiamen from Cumberland under General James Robertson, from eastern Tennessee under Major James Ore, and from Kentucky under Colonel William Whitley attacked two of the major Lower Towns. They destroyed Nickajack and The Running Water.<sup>10</sup>

Hugh Forgey's brother-in-law's life really reflected the times he lived in. I have been searching for more about him at Google Books. I have found more about his campaign against the Cherokees. There was a great deal of anger among the white settlers at that time because of the murder of a white man by the Cherokees. I guess John Beaird's attack was fueled by anger over this murder and previous murders. He received the support of the local white population in eastern Tennessee.

He apparently also brought a slave into Indiana Territory (now southwestern Illinois) and a court case ensued. I would like to research this some more. Could not access the full case at Google Books.

John's close associate Robert Reynolds petitioned to allow slaves to be brought into the area. He was also a pro-slavery delegate to the Convention called by Gov. Harrison.

or God."  
Meanwhile the pro-slavery sentiment had not abated. In the fall of 1802 Harrison went to the Illinois country to attend to official business, and while there the desirability of the admission of slavery was strongly urged upon him. The Ordinance had provided no mode for ascertaining the consent of the people to an alteration of the articles of compact, but Governor Harrison expressed his willingness to call a convention to consider the expediency of the admission of slavery into the Territory, and other subjects mentioned in the memorial of 1801, if petitioned so to do.<sup>2</sup> Petitions were at once put in

may have been, is that they opposed the introduction of slavery.<sup>1</sup> The Randolph County delegates were Pierre Menard, Robert Reynolds, and Robert Morrison.<sup>2</sup> Menard was the celebrated fur-trader who served as the first lieutenant-governor of Illinois. Reynolds was an Irish Protestant of broad, strong mind; he was the father of Governor Reynolds. Robert Morrison, a brother of William Morrison, was a Pennsylvanian who

The citizens of Randolph and St. Clair Counties, then a part of the Indiana Territory, sent this memorial to Congress "praying a division of the Indiana Territory, and admission of slaves into said territory." It was signed by some 350 persons and certified by Robert Reynolds, "one of the United States' justices, and judge of common pleas, in said county."

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# AK'S Genealogy Research

I am using this blog to record my genealogy research progress. My research at this point is concentrated in Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania records. Since many of my ancestors ended up in the Midwest and West my research sometimes takes me in that direction. I also research Irish records.

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Sunday, April 3, 2011

## Assembling the Puzzle...



Knollwood Home of Robert B. Reynolds

I have found the family histories for the Reynolds family complicated and confusing. Everyone seems to have their own complicated numbering system etc., which they understand but is difficult for an outsider to interpret. After looking for several days now at everything I've collected on the family I now understand who's who.

Three Reynolds siblings migrated to America from Ireland, Margaret Reynolds was the first to come with her husband Andrew Forgey abt. 1768. A little more than a decade later her brother James Reynolds and sister Ellen Reynolds followed, around 1785. James and Ellen lived near their sister briefly then relocated to Knox County, TN.

James Reynolds had two sons John and Robert. Robert migrated to Illinois around 1800. John remained in Knox County, TN. John was often referred to as the Major Reynolds. Hugh Forgey was taxed in John Reynolds Militia company in 1806.

John Reynolds had a son named Robert Bannon Reynolds who built the house Knollwood, pictured above. According to one of the Reynolds' researchers Robert Bannon visited James Reynolds Forgey in Surgoinsville at which time he shared the Reynolds family history? This is kind of odd because the Forgeys seemed to be acquainted with John Reynolds his father? It's strange they had not heard the family history before?

Palma Scheumack was likely a descendant of Robert Bannon Reynolds because she had a needle point of Knollwood in her home?



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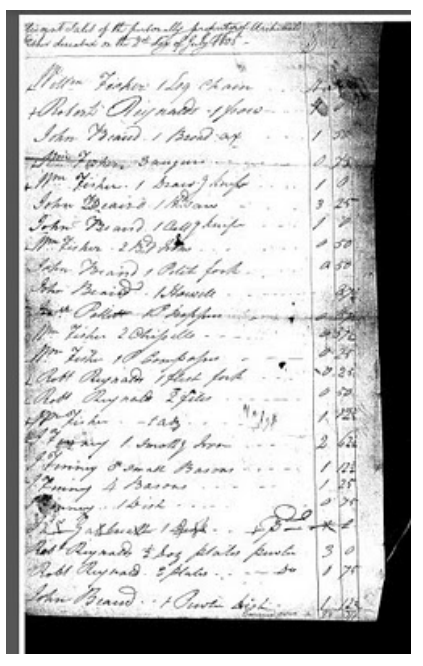
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Saturday, April 2, 2011

One Big Family



I had no idea how closely these families were associated with each other until reading their histories at Google Books. When I got the Archibald Fisher Probate records last year I noticed Robert Reynolds' had purchased some items from the estate sale. I figured he was probably related to Margaret Reynolds-Forgey. Now I know he was her nephew. John Beaird and his children developed close ties with Robert Reynolds and his children. Both men lived in Knox County, TN and migrated to southwestern Illinois. Since both the Beairds and Reynoldses were related to Hugh Forgey and Catherine Fisher I am hoping that those families may have some info about the Forgeys? The Reynolds family did write letters. I don't know whether the Beaird family wrote many letters? My plans are now to contact the Mesa Arizona FHC. Palma Scheumack had a collection of Reynolds family letters and may have used that FHC or deposited some of her research there? Hopefully I can get a lead on where her genealogy records may be?

I found two references today to the relationship between the Beaird family and the Reynolds family. According to Gov. John Reynolds a connexion of his father married John Beaird.

Beaird was born in Virginia, and raised in the mountains of New river, of that State. He came to Tennessee in the year 1787, and married a connexion of my father. He was located on the frontiers of Knox county, Tennessee, while the Cherokee Indians were hostile, and did much damage to the settlements in the northern section of Knox county.

The reference I found in the History of St. Clair Illinois alludes to a kinship relationship. Palma Scheumack did not believe there was a blood relationship. Reynolds'cousins, i.e. Hugh Forgey's children, were cousins of John Beaird's children. Sort of a convoluted relationship :D. "John Beaird was a prominent citizen of Knox County, Tennessee, which county he represented in the Tennessee Legislature. He was usually selected as leader when the community had trouble with the Indians. He was brave, energetic, and a successful Indian fighter. He came with his family to Illinois in 1801 and settled four miles from Kaskaskia. His son, Joseph, lived for some years in Cahokia, and was a member of the Legislature for several

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terms. The family was related to that of Governor Reynolds, and when John Reynolds, afterward Governor, started out to practice law, he made his home for a time with Joseph Beaird, at Cahokia. William A. Beaird, another son of John Beaird, naturally possessed a good mind, but obstinately refused to get an education or to receive any information thru the medium of books. However, by observation and experience, he did acquire much practical knowledge. He never married. He served as Sheriff of St. Clair County from 1815 to 1830. He died in Belleville in 1843."

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## John Reynolds Biography

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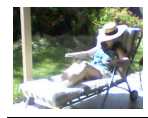
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### Feedjit

**Great find at Google Books!** It looks like the Reynolds family researchers drew heavily from this book. It's nice to find the source material they used :D! It was 97 degrees here today and a little hard to get my head around all of this today :)! A lot to think about. According to this account Robert Reynolds, Margaret Reynolds Forgey's nephew, was born in Co. Monaghan Ireland. His wife was from Dundalk Co. Louth. Creggan Co. Armagh would have been close to these places. This does support what was found in the 1766 Religious Census for Ireland; and Creggan as their place of origin. Hugh Reynolds must have migrated to Creggan. The Reynolds family has been in Co. Monaghan for 300 years according to a family member still living in that area.

Joseph Beaird is mentioned as a cousin of John Reynolds. Below is a snippet from Palma Scheumack's *Reynolds Family Letters*. I can sort of see now why Joseph and his brothers were thought of as cousins.

*Beard was William Anderson, a son of John and Helen/Elinor (Fisher) Beard. Other sons, John Alcorn, Joseph Alcorn, and Scipio are mentioned frequently in subsequent letters as "connections" of the family. They were not actually related. They were, however, cousins of cousins. John Beard Sr.'s sister-in-law, Catherine Fisher, married Hugh Forgey, son of Margaret (Reynolds) and Andrew Forgey. (See "Children of James Reynolds, in Part I.) Thus, the children of John Beard and the children of Hugh Forgey were cousins, the Forgey children were cousins of the Reynolds family.*

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## Where oh where did their Genealogy Records go?



Gov. John Reynolds St. Clair Illinois

### Where?

William G. Livingstone, Lt. Commdr., US Navy, of Pasadena, CA, and Palma Scheumack of Pine Arizona both did extensive reseach on the Reynolds line. They also ran across info on my Forgey line. The information regarding Hugh Forgey and his wife Catherine Fisher came from their research. Unfortunately they researched before computers and access to the info they collected is difficult. They have both passed away, and I have no idea where they may have deposited their research?

I have been trying to track down more info about Palma Schemack on the internet. There is surprisingly little about her on the internet.

Sometimes you can locate relatives of someone at US Search even if they are deceased. No relations were listed for her? Could find no obituary either. Don't know her maiden name? I guess it may have been Reynolds? I checked one the the local genealogy societies where she lived

: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~azngcgs/familyhistories.html>

There are some references to Reynolds genealogies but nothing with her name on them. I would love to see what she collected regarding the Forgeys. Need to track these records down somehow?

Some of William G. Livingstone's research is presented at the Reynolds Family Association website: <http://www.reynoldsfamily.org/line30/index.html> . Unfortunately he does not list many sources.

Both the Reynolds Family (Hugh Forgey's mother was from this family) and the Fisher Family (Hugh Forgey's in-laws) migrated from Tennessee to southwestern Illinois. Hugh Forgey's cousin John



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Reynolds became Governor of Illinois in 1830 (see picture above). He was a member of the US House of Representatives from 1834 to 1837 and 1839 to 1843.



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## 52 Weeks of Personal Genealogy & History-Sweets



### I was definitely a sugar addict when I was child!

My suppliers generally brought truckloads of sweets right to the curb in front of my house. Namely the ice cream man and the Helms Bakery truck man. The trucks certainly moved slow in front of my house :D. They knew a good customer when they saw one! Being an only child I had money to spend. I remember fondly the Pixy sticks, sheets of salt water taffy, wacky packs (pictured right), and candy necklaces.



### Strange Things Children Eat

I remember when I couldn't satisfy my pixy stick addiction with the real thing I would eat Jello Powder. That was against the rules in my house because it could turn into a messy sticky glue like substance when wet. I wonder if anyone was able to get it off the garage floor in our old house?

I also ate water softener salt at a neighbor's house. I still recall how it burned going down. I often wonder whether that did any permanent damage?

I also remember daring a little boy named Jason to drink a bottle of perfume :D. I did not think he actually would, but he did. Don't know how he felt later?

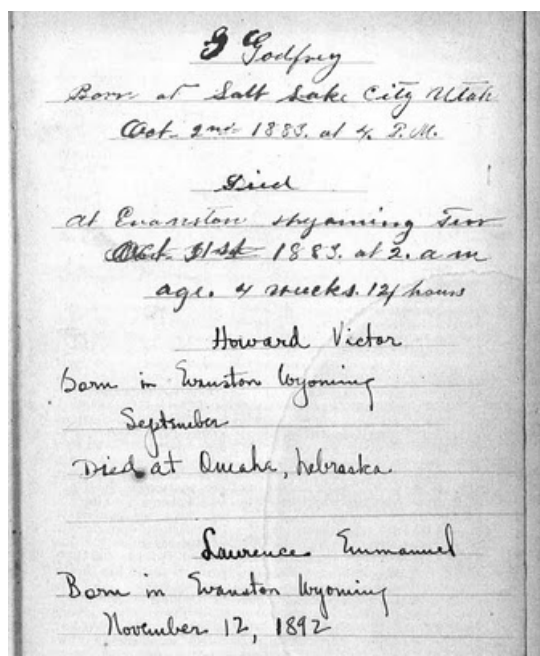
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## Book Sale Bible



About 25 years ago at a Whittier Public Library Book Sale I purchased a bible for 50 cents. I bought it because I was so moved by the entries of the family births and deaths. Godfrey Engstrom died only 4 weeks after his birth at 2 am; very sad. There is no surname listed in the

bible. Now with the help of the internet I am able to learn more about the family who owned this bible :). The inside cover reads "To Victor from Mother 1880." Using the name Victor, the childrens' names and their place of residence I was able to find the family on the 1900 Census and discover their surname Engstrum. I found a biographical sketch for the Lawrence Emmanuel listed above at rootsweb.com

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wyttt/history/bartlett2/l\\_e\\_engstrum.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wyttt/history/bartlett2/l_e_engstrum.htm)

I have also found Victor and his wife's tombstone picture at find-a-grave



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Sunday, March 27, 2011

## Fun at the Cemetery...





Elizabeth Taylor's burial at Forest Lawn Glendale brought back a lot of memories for my mother and I. My mother's family, the Forgeys, basically lived next door to Forest Lawn in the 1930's. The cemetery was a source of entertainment for the family. My grandmother Forgey would take walks through the cemetery with her children. My grandmother Forgey loved the movies and occasionally they would spot a movie star visiting a grave or even see famous people attending a funeral.

My mother and her siblings often played at the cemetery and sometimes took flowers off the graves and gave them to my grandmother :D. They could be naughty! One of the most interesting stories is how they were locked in the cemetery when they stayed too long one evening. Sounds like the 5 Forgey children were having a jolly time stealing flowers etc. and forgot the time. When they discovered they got locked in they walked all over the cemetery looking for another way out. When it started getting dark they became frightened about bats possibly attacking them and ghosts coming out to the graves. My mother talked about how they started getting panicky and got their shoes stuck in the flower holders. Luckily my grandparents noticed their absence and contacted the cemetery attendant who searched for them. The group was very happy to see the attendant and they all piled into his truck.



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## Picture Mystery and Future Book



I have been doing some picture research using the 1930 Census for Glendale California. The picture above is a favorite of mine even though I don't know who the person is. It's a photo of a neighbor of my Forgey Family when they lived on Acacia Street in Glendale California. After looking at the Census I've narrowed down her identity to two possible neighbor girls Dorris M. Wollard b. 1922 or Mary Wright? My mother told me that there was a blood stain on that porch where she is sitting. There was a rumor that it was stained when someone died there?

They could not get the stain off.

I attended Lisa Alzo's webinar **Life Stories: How to Write a Compelling Family History**

**Narrative** . It was very good! I really enjoyed it! If I can just get one more generation back on the Forgey line I will definitely write a digital book :). Her advice about using national, local and personal history will create a great frame work for the book. Using a timeline and having a goal in mind will also help steer me in the right direction. I might start laying out a book, but wait until I nail down the final generation before publishing.

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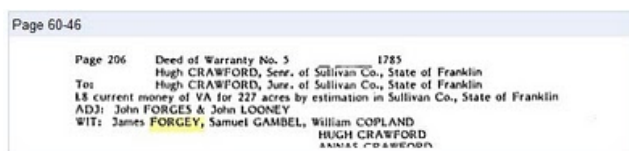
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Friday, March 25, 2011

## Interesting Find



Holston Territory Genealogical Society

I made this new find at google books. I have found a probate reference for a John Forgey on a Hawkins County TN Probate index in 1793. I wonder if the person referred to here as John Forges is the same person? Or is this transcription wrong and the person living adjacent to Hugh really Andrew Forgey? I need to locate the original deed. The lack of surviving records makes identification of John Forgey very difficult. There is only a reference to the probate the actual probate records no longer can be found. Who this John Forgey was and his relationship to the other Forgeys is a mystery? Definitely more research needs to be done in the deed records!

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## 52 Weeks of Personal Genealogy & History-Movies

I would have to say that Gosford Park ties with Gone with the Wind as number 1 favorite movies. I also enjoyed the Harry Potter movies, and old classics such as A Tree Grows in Brooklyn and I Remember Mama. I never really enjoyed going to the movie theater to see a movie very much. I've always preferred the comfortable surroundings of home. My father wanted me to see his favorite childhood movie the Wizard Of OZ in a movie theater. He took me to the Star Movie Theater in La Puente in the 1970's, and I do remember enjoying that experience! My mother and her family went to that same theater to see movies in the 1940's and 1950's. Sadly it later became a XXX Theater.



The Star Theater La Puente

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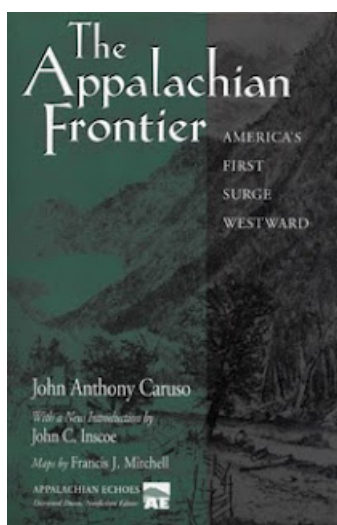
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## Identifying Possible Sources & Inspiration



I feel liked I've earned some fun reading time after that long research marathon :D. The embedded preview above is one of the books I am really enjoying! Laura Ingles Wilder and her books sparked my interest in history and family history. I am also reading The Appalachian Frontier.

I have been also thinking about possible future research. Some thoughts about possible sources. I didn't know that Knox County was formed from portions Greene County and Hawkins County, TN. I should check Greene County records.

I was also thinking I need to locate manuscript collections. Biographies for neighboring families might contain source material.

More research in Court Records in both Randolph and Knox County, TN.

I am always looking for cousins who may have sources in their homes.

The TSLA has a manuscript collection

<http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/history/manuscripts/manu.htm> have not found the Surname

Forgey mentioned in any of the family collections.

More records collections in Tennessee: <http://www.tennessee.gov/tsla/aps/vc/vc-directoryacademic.pdf>

The Draper papers are an important Tennessee source <http://arc.library.wisc.edu/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?>

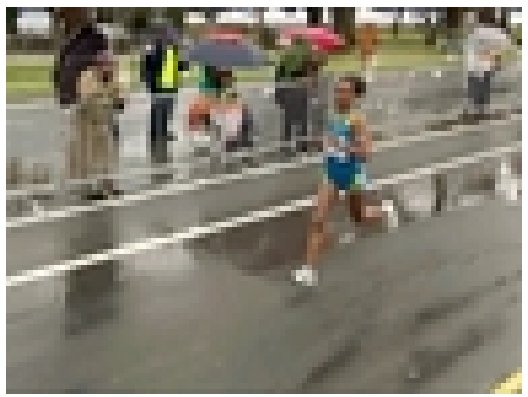
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## Genealogy Marathon



Yesterday was the rainy Los Angeles Marathon. I feel like I have been on a genealogy marathon the last few months. After the holidays I plunged back into genealogy with full zeal. I joined the Second Life Genealogy community where I got many great tips and was inspired to make an extra effort to knock down my brickwalls. My renewed zeal has paid off :D! I have made great progress on my brickwalls and met several goals this year already. Since receiving the sources from Scotland a couple of weeks ago I have put in many hours a day verifying these sources. It's been a real genealogy marathon. I met my goal regarding finding the source for the marriage of Hugh Forgey and Catherine Fisher (which was the will).

The Sassy Jane blogger posted some wonderful links to Chicago City Directories which helped me meet another goal. My Mason family did not appear on the 1910 Census for Chicago. I have been searching for them in that Census for years. I was able to find my great-grandfather Fred G. Mason in the City Directory for 1910. Last night I looked at the Census again using the address I found but still no luck. According to the Directory the family lived in a rear unit so they were likely missed for that reason. Sadly that was the only Census the entire family would have appeared on. Fred Mason died of TB in 1917. I found his widow Helen listed in 1923. It lists her as widow of Fred.

704 E Belden av	<b>FRED B. MASON</b> Manager Chartered <b>AETNA LIFE</b> Hartford, Conn. Central-4126 840 TRIBUNE BLDG.	5100 Harvey V mech r1248 Ardmore av
5851 H 5851	Mason Fred O electrician h 747 Claremont av	Mathew
State	-Fred G painter h rear 2833 Vernon av	Kato tel
Bel-	-Fred H acct h 1830 Turner av	Laura M
	-Fred M clk PO h 334 N Franklin av	Leo decon
	-Fred W electrician h 406 E 60th	LeMear
	-Frederick barinder h 1240 E 60th	News r
	-Frederick H mngr 2d fl 181 LaSalle h	Leo A t
	1053 Sunnyside av	Leon S t
	-Frederick wid Lemuel W h 822 W Garfield bl	Leona cl
	-Geo pgt 28 River h 4703 Magnolia av	Bank r
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	-Geo mngr 1245 Garfield av h 002 Belden av	Mrs Co
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		Lewis J
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Mason) electns	Helen (wid Fred) h851 W 43d pl	Leo decon
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Sunday, March 20, 2011

## This Just In....

The reason John Fisher could not act as executor for his father Archibald is he was "killed when stabbed in the back by Michael Dillingham in a dispute arising over a card game." He died on 20 Dec 1804 in Hopkinsville KY.




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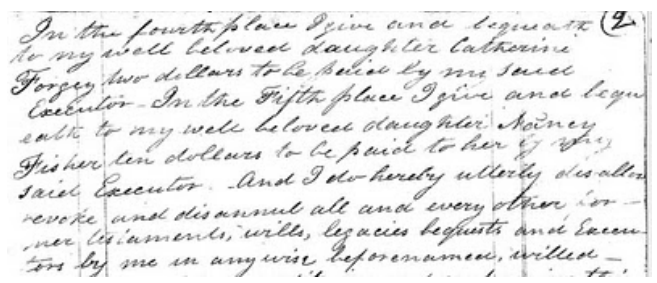


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## The Envelope Please...



When I finally got my hands on the envelope from the Randolph County Clerks office I RIPPED IT OPEN! It did read as I hoped that Catherine Forgey was the daughter of Archibald Fisher here is an excerpt:



In the fourth place I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Catherine Fisher two dollars to be paid by my said Executor. In the Fifth place I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Anne Fisher ten dollars to be paid to her by my said Executor. And I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies bequests and Executors by me in any wise, beforenamed, avilled.

However as I read on I became very confused again because a paragraph after the will stated that Archibald Fisher died intestate??? Didn't I just read the will :D? This was cleared up on the third page when the administrator John Beard stated the following "Archibald Fisher....appointed his son John Fisher Executor of the said will + the said John dying before the death of the said Arch the subscriber did not believe it necessary to prove the said will but having been lately informed that the said will ought to have been proved + letters of administration granted..." (can't make out the rest). So the will was later brought to the court and filed in the Deed book L.

The moral is there still may be a will even if the person was said to have died intestate.

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Saturday, March 19, 2011

## Sorry Wrong Office



I originally contacted the wrong office for a copy of Archibald's Will. I forgot to call them off the search, SORRY! Anyway she agreed with me that the file in her office seems to point to NO Will. The 22 pages of documents which were filed in a box are difficult to interpret. They do use the term Executor which points to a Will? As the email states below there seems to a reference to the absence of a Will? I thought I was losing my mind when I missed the existence of a will :D. It makes me feel better that the Clerk of the Court was confused too :D.

"To date I have found a will for Archibald Fisher who died Sept. 18, 1878. I have found a file for an Archibald Fisher who likely died in 1805 but there is no will. There is a Court document that seems to refer to the absence of a will. I could provide that record to you. There is a cost of \$4.00 for the search of that year and a cost of \$2.00 for the copies that would be needed (4 page document). You can send a check of money order made payable to the Randolph County Circuit Clerk and I will forward the document to you."

Barb Brown  
Clerk of the Court

HOPE TO GET A LETTER FROM THE CORRECT OFFICE SOON!!!!

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Friday, March 18, 2011

## Decisions and Discrepancies



Pondering some new facts that have come to light. Someone badly miscalculated the date that my great-grandmother Isis Browning-Forgey wrote the letter I transcribed below. They had 15 Nov 1907. I never noticed that before. I knew that Isis was born on 27 Nov 1869 according to her death Certificate. She said she was writing the letter the day before Thanksgiving and her birthday. I looked to see what day Thanksgiving fell on in 1907. It fell on the 28th. So it looks like I might have the wrong day of birth for her? I guess I should track down more sources for her birth date.

I did do some Patrick Mullen research. I am searching for a death record using the Civil Registration Index for Ireland at Familysearch.org. I thought there was just one possibility but actually there are 3 :(. One is for a Pat Mullin which is the way he sometimes signed his name.

name: **Patrick Mullen**  
 registration district: Tuam  
 event type: DEATHS  
 registration quarter and year: Apr - Jun 1927  
 estimated birth year: 1851  
 age (at death): 76  
 mother's maiden name:  
 film number: 101737  
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name: **Pat Mullin**  
 registration district: Tuam  
 event type: DEATHS  
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 age (at death): 78  
 mother's maiden name:  
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name: **Patrick Mullin**  
 registration district: **Tuam**  
 event type: **DEATHS**  
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 age (at death): **77**  
 mother's maiden name:  
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Thursday, March 17, 2011

## Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Planning on doing some Patrick Mullen research today. I believe I may have found his death date on the familysearch index for 1929? Both Patrick and Mary Mullen were alive in 1911, see census below. Hoping that the 1926 Census for Ireland is released soon :)!



<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.											
FORM A.											
RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISIBLE DEPENDANTS, who slept or dwelt in this House on the night of DECEMBER 31st 1901.											
NAME AND BIRTHPLACE	AGE	SEX	RELATIONSHIP	RELIGION	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS	REMARKS
Patrick Mullin	46	M	Head	Roman Catholic	None						
Mary Mullin	40	F	Wife	Roman Catholic	None						
John Mullin	17	M	Son	Roman Catholic	None						
Elizabeth Mullin	15	F	Daughter	Roman Catholic	None						
Thomas Mullin	10	M	Son	Roman Catholic	None						
Michael Mullin	7	M	Son	Roman Catholic	None						
James Mullin	4	M	Son	Roman Catholic	None						

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CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1911.									
RETURN OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY AND THEIR VENTURES, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept in this House at the night of SUNDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1911.									
NAME AND ADDRESS	RELATION	AGE	SEX	RELIGION	EDUCATION	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	DATE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF BURIAL
1. John J. Hall	Head	71	M	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1840	1911	1860	1860
2. Mary J. Hall	Wife	67	F	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1844	1911	1864	1864
3. John J. Hall	Son	21	M	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1890	1911	1910	1910
4. Mary J. Hall	Daughter	19	F	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1892	1911	1910	1910
5. John J. Hall	Son	17	M	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1894	1911	1910	1910
6. Mary J. Hall	Daughter	15	F	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1896	1911	1910	1910
7. John J. Hall	Son	13	M	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1898	1911	1910	1910
8. Mary J. Hall	Daughter	11	F	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1900	1911	1910	1910
9. John J. Hall	Son	9	M	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1902	1911	1910	1910
10. Mary J. Hall	Daughter	7	F	Roman Catholic	Uneducated	1904	1911	1910	1910

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Wednesday, March 16, 2011

## 52 Weeks of Personal Genealogy & History-Illness and Injury

Written by my great grandmother Isis Browning-Forgey (pictured with her sister right, right)

Ewing, Jackson County Indiana Nov. 27 1907 (she died a few months later of TB)

"I am writing these few lines this beautiful morning to express my last wants and wishes as to who of my friends I wish to take possession of my remains after my Spirit has flown to a world unknown where the veil shall be lifted and what has been such mysteries in this world to us will be revealed and the mist shall be cleared away and we shall know as we are known. And our Dear Savior has told us in my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, there you may be also. Now I am going to tell the wish that is dearest to my heart of anything in this world is that some sweet day I may be able to stand on the banks of the New Jerusalem and clasp glad hands with each and everyone that is near and dear to me in this world. Husband and children, mother, sisters, brothers, neighbors and friends wherever they may be scattered over this great world of ours. I ask each and every one of you that have been mentioned in these lines where I have asked you as my last requests to see to my wishes when I am no more, for each and every one to ever be ready to speak a kind and cheering word to companion my children and put out a hand to check them if you see they are drifting away. Stop and ask them if they have forgotten all Mother's advice and teachings. Under the circumstances that came in contact with my short life here, I have done my best to make them know and understand that each of us has a soul to save and each of us has to save ourselves. Day before Thanksgiving and I am feeling weak and bad, had a bad night of it last night. Tomorrow will be my 38<sup>th</sup> birthday, the last one I ever expect to see. The ones I have selected to get me ready for burial are Eunice Hudson, Florence Hughes, Mary Bell, Bell Bower. My clothes will all be ready except dress and slippers. I want a black robe, to not cost over \$15.00 and black cloth slippers. My casket I want to be neat, but not too expensive. I prefer Mr. Zable as undertaker. I want to be taken to the Methodist church. As my pall bearers I want Rose Jackson, Addie Parker, Laura Braden, Ella Mann, Rose Myers, and Laura Rotert. For ushers I want Sherman Jackson and Sam Braden. I want Charlie Tinch to play the organ. I want him to select his own choir and songs. I want all my near relatives and friend notified. I don't want to be put away too quick or kept too long. I want Alice Braden to stay with Inez every bit she possibly can and cheer her up so she won't feel so lonesome.





Tell them all not to grieve for me unnecessarily. I would rather have Brother Smith than any minister I know of, but if it is not convenient to get him, the Methodist preacher at Freetown will do. I would not like to be buried in the new Freetown cemetery. I would much rather be put in the old one, although if they want to put Mona there they may lay me beside her. The chapter I want read is the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of First Corinthians."

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## What other records are available?



I was able to locate another bit of info which was listed on group sheet Archibald's daughter's grave Mary Fisher-Steele. It says that she was born 61 years and five months before her death on 18 May 1819. She is older than I estimated her sister Catherine Fisher-Forgey to be. I have been looking for more info on available records for Tennessee. I have found this outline to be the best so far <http://jefferson.tngenealogy.net/research-aids/56-research-guidance/547-research-in-early-tennessee-records-by-prentiss-price> . If anyone has an outline with more resources please let me know?

1. I have looked at New Providence Presbyterian Church records for Hawkins County, TN (which Brian French transcribed)
2. Court minutes for both Knox County and Hawkins County.
3. Land records for both Hawkins and Knox.
4. Marriage Records for all of Tennessee
5. Cemetery Records available on internet for all of Tennessee
6. The Newspaper the Knoxville Gazette
7. Partial Taxlists Knox and Hawkins Counties
8. Published Reynold Family Letters and the writings of Hugh Forgey Crawford (Forgey was his middle-name; transcribed by Kenneth Edmondson)

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Monday, March 14, 2011

## Archibald Fisher Timeline



Waiting for mail again :D! It sounds like the Will is the only source document regarding the marriage of Hugh Forgey and Catherine Fisher. The Archibald Fisher Will is going to be a great source document, and may have some additional leads. Anxious to get it!

Made the following timeline based on internet research using the Robert Crawford Robertson group sheet sources (I just noticed that Archibald has a wife named Jane in 1777):

### *Kegley's Virginia frontier: the beginning of the Southwest*

Page 357 »

February 18, 1767, John Miller—Survey, 109 acres on Catawba.  
 February 18, 1767, Francis Smith—Survey, 154 acres on Dill's Run.  
 February 24, 1767, Joseph McMurtry from Patton's executors £21/18;  
 197 acres on John's Creek of Craig's Creek. Au. D. Bk. 13, 294.  
 March 3, 1767, Archibald Fisher from James McAfee and Jennet, £55,  
 150 acres on Catawba of James River, joining John Bryan, opposite the mouth  
 of Holston's Branch. Au. D. Bk. 13, 211.

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William McClanahan — 78 acres on both sides of Catawba; Archibald  
 Fisher — 31  
 acres on both sides of Catawba; Francis Smith — 165 acres on branch of  
 Catawba

### *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*

Page 353 »

MAY, 1768 (A).

Israel Christian vs. William Curry.—Defendant near Staunton. Account.  
 Same vs. William McClintock.—Account.  
 Archibald Fisher and Susanna, his wife, administratrix of Matt Shaddon,  
 vs. James Robinson.—9th August, 1766. Susanna Shaddon (alias Fisher),  
 administratrix of Mathew Shaddon swears that her late husband stated the  
 account vs. James Robinson. The money was due from George Robinson,  
 deceased and was never paid.

### *Kegley's Virginia frontier: the beginning of the Southwest*

Page 473 »

March 6, 1777. William Wills, from George Patterson and Margaret—  
 395 acres on Catawba.  
 May 13, 1777. William Webb, from Patton's Executors—144 acres on a  
 branch of Catawba.  
 December 9, 1777. Samuel Phillips, from Archibald Fisher and Jane—  
 150 acres on Catawba.  
 December 19, 1777. Andrew Wilson, from Joseph Cloyd—340 acres on

It sounds like Archibald Fisher received a warrant for land in Sullivan County, TN in 1780.

He received a grant for land in Sullivan County, TN in 1784.

He sold this land in 1788: William Gross in 1788 paid Archibald Fisher "130 pounds cash" for 300 acres in Hawkins County.

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## Special Report

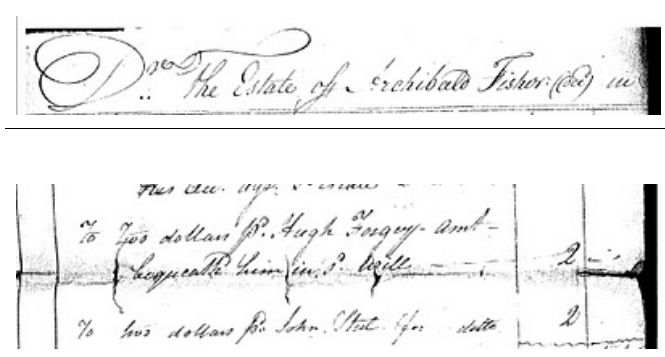


The Will I am looking for is not in the Will book but the deed book. "The early deed books contain some marriages, wills, powers of attorney." Deed book L covers the time period in question Deeds v. L-M 1804-1815. Will book L covers the wrong time period. I've been reading through the 22 pages of probate documents I have. Archibald Fisher's estate was handled initially like an intestate probate. Evidently a Will was discovered at some point and recorded with the deeds.

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## Will or Administration????



As I noted a few days ago Robert Crawford Robertson stated that one of his sources was a copy of Archibald's Will. A year ago I received 22 pages of what I thought was an intestate administration? Oddly the reference I found to Hugh Forney did mention a Will? So I had felt that maybe I had not received everything available, which has now been confirmed. I found another reference to a Will yesterday at google books, see snippet Below ( from *Branching out from St. Clair County, Illinois*, page 101). According to that the names of Archibald's sons-in-law are mentioned. At least I infer that two are because of what I have and this reference? Friday afternoon I emailed the Randolph County Court House and hope to receive a reply tomorrow.

of John STEELE. Notes on John STEELE appeared in Vol. 7, No. 2 of "Branching Out" on page 50-51. Mrs. SPURGEON's letter follows:

"In order to clear up the question as to the maiden name of John STEELE's wife, I am attaching copy of the will of Archibald FISHER, then a resident of Springfield Twp., (near the present day Ellis Grove) Randolph County, Territory of Indiana. This man died in June of 1806 at his home on Nine Mile Creek, presumably a very old

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Saturday, March 12, 2011

## Tracking Down Sources



I have been earnestly tracking down the sources listed on that family group sheet I received. I took a break this morning and attended a webinar titled "Reasonably Exhaustive Search?". It was very good and that is certainly my goal.

I have been surprisingly successful tracking down the sources using the internet alone.

After locating and reading the passage, on page 313 of *A Combined History of Randolph, Monroe and Perry Counties, II*, I have had to change my opinion regarding whether Archibald was born in Scotland. I now believe it is more likely than not that he was born there:

daughter of Stacy McDonough before mentioned. Mrs. Milligan was born March 17th, 1808, on the old McDonough place within a mile of where she now lives. He served in the Black-Hawk war. One of the early settlers in the vicinity of Ellis Grove, was William Fisher, a son of Archibald Fisher, who came from Scotland to America some time before the Revolutionary war, and settled first in South Carolina and afterward in Tennessee, where his son William married Ann White. He was the father of the Archibald Fisher, who received his grandfather's name, and was born in Tennessee. In 1804 William Fisher moved to Randolph county, Illinois, and settled a few miles northeast of Ellis Grove. Archibald was at this time a boy of three years. The Bollinger Family were among the early settlers of Randolph county. They were natives of Tennessee, where they were a numerous and well known family. Daniel Bollinger came with his father to Ellis Grove about 1828. In 1873 he opened a store in Ellis Grove. In 1874 he was appointed post-master.

Elisha and Edward Seymour came to Randolph county

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## Analysis

lived round the Tennessee head-waters, and also in direct communication with North Carolina, to which State they belonged. It was not until 1779 that a portion of these **Holston** people moved to the bend of the Cumberland River and started a new com-

I've been analyzing the info I received yesterday. It was my understanding that the Stanley Valley TN area was originally part of North Carolina. Since receiving the info yesterday I have a different understanding. That area was also in the legal jurisdiction of Virginia.

Robert Crawford Robertson sent a family group sheet with some sources to Scottish Genealogist Donald White in 1963. Some thoughts:

1. I don't feel like he has proven that Archibald Fisher came from Scotland. If he had proof it has not been shared here. Archibald may have come from Ireland?
2. He doesn't provide sources for all marriages.
3. He was not able to link children to any specific mother.
4. I was able to find Archibald Fitcher (Fisher) listed on a transcription for the 1777 petition at the website <http://robertson-ancestry.com/1777-pet.htm>

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## I Got Mail!



Received the letter I was waiting for from Scotland, YEAH! Much quicker than I expected :). It only took 3 days. I now realize that I didn't get the full probate record for Archibald Fisher last year. I received the probate documents from Box 37. The researcher who provided the info for the book had pages 1 and 2 from Record book L. So I will need to try to locate this Record Book. The odd thing is this book looks like it is from the 20th Century?

The references Robert Crawford Robertson used:

1. Chronicles of the Scotch -Irish Settlement in Virginia Vol. pgs 140, 345, 351 + 353. Vol 3 pgs. 127+450.

Lyman Chalkley. Commonwealth Printing Co., Rosalyn, Va

2. Washington Co. Va. Petition to the Va. House of Delegates, 6 Nov 1777. The East. Tenn. Hist. Soc.

Pvt., Knoxville, Tenn. no 21 (1949) p 103-4.

3. Marriage bond between Archibald Fisher and Elizabeth Sharp. 11 Dec 1797, Knoxville, Tenn.

(photostat in possession of the person submitting this sheet)



4. Illustrated Historical Atlas Map of Randolph Co., Ill P 54. W. R. Briute + Co. 1875
5. Continued History of Randolph , Monroe and Perry Cos., Ill. p 313. J. L. Mc Donnogh + Co. 1883
6. Will of Archibald Fisher. Record Book L, p 1-2, Records Office, Chester (Randolph Co) Ill., K
7. Records for the Term of Court, Christian Co., Ky. Mar 1805. Gisher- Dillingham P 156- 163. Court House, Hopkinsville, Ky.
8. Pioneer Families of Randolph + Perry Counties, Illinois (corrected copies only - p 33 a) Privately printed Robert Crawford Robertson M.D. 1961.

Archibald Fisher lived in Augusta Co. VA, 1767- 1773 where he owned land; in Stanley Valley, Hawkins Co., Tenn. (then Washington Co. Va.) where he owned land in 1777 signed the second petition to Va. by north of Holston (River) men? ; in Knoxville, Tenn. where he ? (4)+ owned land; and abt. 1802 moved to Randolph Co., Ill., settling in Springfield Township on nine mile creek just west of Kaskaskia River near the present town of Ellis Grove, where he developed a farm + died.

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## Sorting through old emails



At the Sunday Second Life genealogy discussion Clarise suggested connecting genealogy emails with families and individuals in your Genealogy Software program etc. I have been very bad when it comes to managing my email accounts :( So I have thousands of emails in 4 accounts. Most of these are in the inbox. I am now forwarding most mail to gmail. I have now set up email filters at gmail to filter unwanted mail from certain addresses. I have also set up family folders, or as gmail calls them labels, for each family plus a general genealogy folder. I plan on keeping the boxes tidy now :D.

I am now going to read through and copy them to my genealogy program notes. I have messages going back to 1999. An example of some great info I received via email, from Ireland, with wonderful family info:

Hello. My name is John Huane. I am 13 years old. I am the son of Patrica and John Huane. After searching through your website I discovered I am a desendent of James Huane, Shanballybocht. He was my great, great, great grandad. His son Stephen is my great, great grandad and is buried in shanballybocht. He had a son called Thomas. He was my great grandad. He married Katie and they had 6 children. Treasa, Patrick, Thomas, Stephen, James and John. My grandad was John. He married Nora and they had 5 children. Thomas, Celia, Mary, Peter-James and John. They also had another son that died after birth. My dad is John who married Patrica and they have two children, me and my sister Niamh. If you want more imfortmation just email. Thanks very much. John

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## In Search of Cousins



I'm always looking to make contact with cousins. You never know what you will find. One of my

I've been tracking down all of the children of Andrew Forgey and two other men I believe to be his brothers. I have had no luck tracking down descendants of James D. Owens.

Andrew Forgey Cousin Contact List (**Since Andrew Forgey had 15 children I still have many descendants to find**)

Descendants of

1. James Forgey
2. Elizabeth Anne Forgey
3. Amos Forgey
4. John Forgey
5. Elias Forgey
6. Clark Forgey

Archibald Forgey Cousin Contact List:

Descendants of:

1. John A. Forgey
2. Eleanor Forgey
3. George Forgey

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## 52 Weeks of Personal Genealogy & History: Disasters



My grandmother Graciela (pictured left back row, see above) being a native of disaster prone Nicaragua often talked about the Volcano Momotombo which erupted in 1905 when she was a teenager. She remembered the ash raining down. However my favorite story was related to an earthquake she experienced when she was a teenager. My grandmother tended to be a high strung person (a trait I inherited from her). So I can imagine her panic when the earth started moving violently. She was in her family's home when the quake struck. When everything started coming down around her she began running for the door; the only thing she could grab was a picture of the Virgin Mary from the wall. When everything calmed down she noticed it was NOT a picture of the Virgin Mary after all , it was a picture of Simon Bolivar :D. Her family wondered of all things why would she save a picture of Simon Bolivar? They had a great laugh

about it. I have always wondered what she did see in that picture? Was it some kind of apparition???

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## Where to next?



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Hello Annette,

Thank you for your payment, the information you requested will be posted to you on the 6 march '11

Regards

Jan Rea

I just received this reply from the Scottish Genealogy Society regarding the source material I requested. Unfortunately it may take some time to get reply so I am brainstorming about other avenues of research in the mean time. It does appear that earlier researchers on the Forgey line have seen documents that I have not located. I have no idea what the sources are? Need the marriage source for Hugh Forgey and Catherine Fisher, and names of children.

1. I have searched all of the microfilms available from FHCs for Hawkins and Knox County, Tennessee, Lee County, VA and Scott County, VA for the time period in question.
2. I've also written to the Knox County Archives and received documents from their indexed sources (unfortunately not all records are indexed),
3. Of course I've done many hours of internet research :D.

#### What Next?

1. Keep researching on internet :D!
2. Catherine Fisher's father Archibald did leave probate records in Randolph County Illinois. He did mention her husband Hugh Forgey, but not Catherine. There may be more documents which I have not found, such as Court minutes?
3. I believe an Archibald Forgey may be my Andrew Forgey's brother. I found out from the BLM GLO that Archibald Forgey served in the War of 1812. I may find something more about his origins in those records?
4. I have not visited Tennessee and believe this might be the best way to solve this problem.

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## Working the problem



I have been working the Andrew Forgey parent problem from several angles. Collecting as much as I can from records generated in his lifetime is one strategy. The only thing I have gleaned from this is the fact that he was born in Tennessee, he consistently stated this in every census. I have located his obituary in the Davenport Iowa Democrat which states he was born in Knox County, Tennessee.

Another strategy has been to trace all 15 of his children in hopes that they may have mentioned the names of Andrew's parents. I have located some county history bios and obits. Only Elias mentions his father's origins:

parents being Andrew J. and Ann (Roller) Forgey, natives of Tennessee and West Virginia, respectively. When quite young he came

So Elias echoes his father's Tennessee origins. I am glad that I tracked down the original book because a transcription I found somewhere else was wrong. I found out that if you request a copy of a page from a book it is best to use the librarian chat feature if it is available. The librarian scanned the page for me and I got it in an hour :D.

I've also worked the problem by searching his stated Tennessee birthplace records. By process of elimination I came up with Hugh Forgey and Catherine Fisher as probable parents. I have not found Catherine Fisher in any records generated during her lifetime. I have only found her mentioned in Donald Whyte's *A Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants to the USA* and Palma Carmen Scheumack's *Reynolds family letters with the journal of Robert Bannon Reynolds*.

I have been able to find Hugh Forgey's probable father in records generated during his lifetime here is a timeline based on those records: <http://sites.google.com/site/theforgeys/hugh-forgey-timeline-begins-1786-ends-1809> There are no censuses for eastern Tennessee before 1830.

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## Waiting for mail

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## Feedjit

I am waiting for a letter from the Scottish Genealogy Society in Edinburgh, Scotland. I found a reference to Catherine Fisher, wife of Hugh Forgey, in Donald Whyte's *A dictionary of Scottish emigrants to the USA*. A book I found at Google books. The author deposited his source material at the Scottish Genealogy Society library. I requested a copy of the source material for Catherine Fisher and her father Archibald Fisher. I am hoping it contains leads to more info. I am still searching for a record of the marriage of Hugh Forgey and Catherine Fisher, and a list of the names of their children. They lived in Hawkins County and Knox County, TN in the late 1700's and early 1800's.

FINNY, Alexander (Rev.) From Aberdeen. Son of William F., merchant. To Brandon, Virginia, before 1755. Clergyman. (S.H.) 1643

FISHER, Archibald, died 1 May, 1805. Settled Augusta County, Virginia, before 1767, later to Tennessee and Randolph County, Illinois. Issue: (1) John, died 1804, unmarried; (2) William (q.v.); (3) Eleanor (q.v.); (4) Mary (q.v.); (5) Catherine (q.v.); (6) Nancy (q.v.) (D.C., 26 Dec., 1963) 1644

FISHER, Archibald, aged 35. From Breadalbane, Perthshire. To New York on Lilly, ex Greenock, 14 Apr., 1775. Farmer. Wife and 5 children with him. (T.47/12) 1645

FISHER, Catherine, born ca. 1760. Daughter of Archibald F. (q.v.) Settled Augusta County, Virginia, before 1767. M. Hugh Forgey. (D.C., 16 Dec., 1963) 1646

FISHER, Donald. Probably from Islay. Brother of Margaret F. (q.v.) widow McNaughton. To Salem, Massachusetts before 1750. Moved to Pawlet, Vermont. (M.S., i, 130) 1647

FISHER, Donald, aged 26. From Breadalbane, Perthshire. To New York

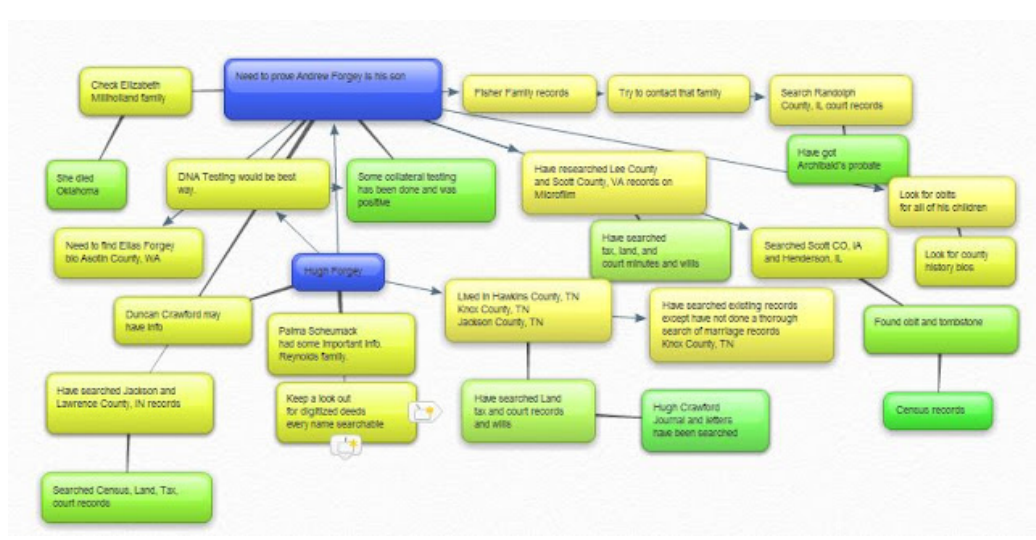
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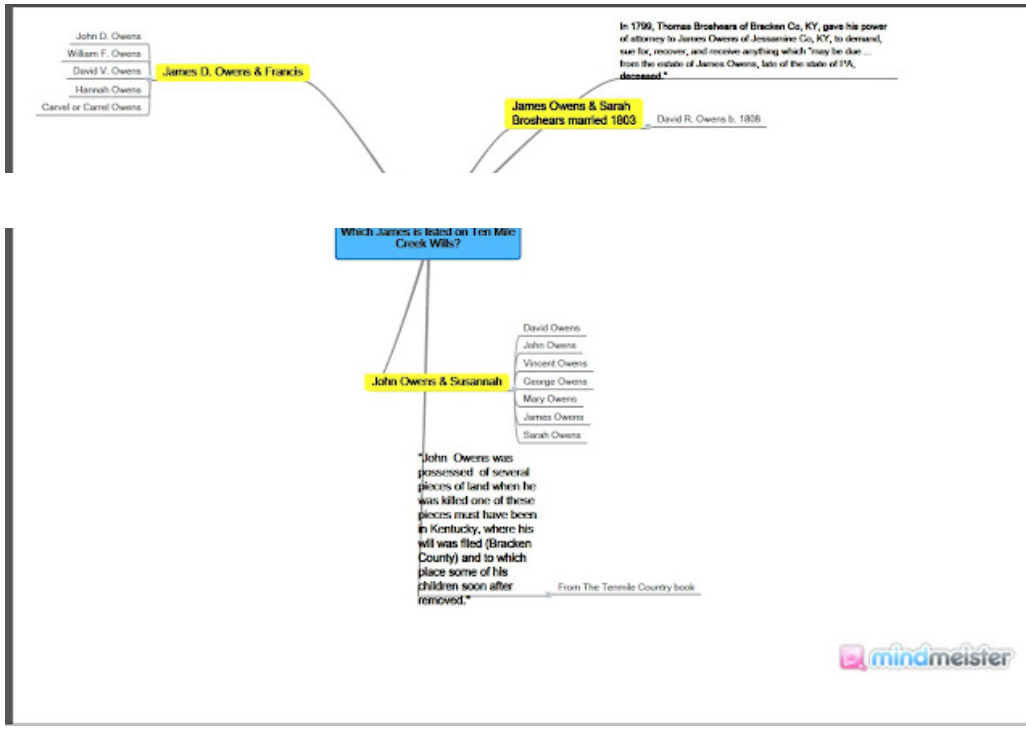
## Where my research stands



I was able to quickly trace my Grandfather Rudolph Kapple or Koppel's family in Austria using the hints from the Burgenland Bunch website. I am now working on the Forgey and Owens

lines. I believe that Hugh Forgey and Catherine Fisher are parents of Andrew Forgey b. 1794 Tennessee he later migrated to Indiana, then Iowa where he died. Circumstantial evidence, naming patterns and proximity, point to Hugh Forgey and Catherine Fisher as parents. Also an autosomal DNA test seems to point in that direction. Just waiting for more records to surface. On the Owens side there is confusion about which James Owens was named in John and Susannah Owens probate records. I believed my James D. Owens is named as their son, the descendants of another James Owens believes it is their ancestor. Both James lived in Bracken County, KY and state they were born in PA. Both were roughly the same age. The basis for my claim is naming patterns.

Since very few records were kept at these early dates in Kentucky and Tennessee I have had to rely on unconventional sources.



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## My Research Blog

I will use this blog to record my research progress. I've been researching since 1999. I live in Southern California (Whittier). Most of my ancestors, at some point, lived in the Midwest. My grandmother Graciela Del Castillo-Forgey was a native of Nicaragua where she married my, Indiana native and US Marine, Grandfather Charles Forgey. My grandfather Rudolph Kapple was a native of Inzenhof, Austria; he later settled in the Chicago Illinois area. My great-grand mother Helen Mullen-Mason was a native of Galway Ireland later settling in Chicago, Illinois.

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